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Italian G.O.C. Missing

General Berganzoli, the commander-in-chief at Bardia, is missing, says a Cairo communique. It is possible he escaped in a motor-boat held specially for that purpose.

The communique reveals that on the night Bardia fell, General Berganzoli and two Blackshirt Divisional commanders deserted, leaving the regular commanders to carry on.

One of the Blackshirt commanders has been picked up north of Bardia.

General Berganzoli and the others are still missing, and it is probable that they left in a motor boat reserved for that purpose. The search is continuing.

The commander taken prisoner is General Antonelli, Commander-in-Chief of the First Blackshirt Division.

Crept Through Cordon

The spokesman at Cairo last night suggested that the Black-shirt general who has since been captured may have been mistaken for General Berganzoli.

YUNNAN-BURMA RAILWAY TO BE HURRIED

Construction of the western section of the Yunnan-Burma railway will be accelerated shortly, according to information from Chungking received by Rangoon Chinese yesterday.

It is stated a plan has been drawn up by the Ministry of Communications in Chungking and is under consideration by the Executive Yuan. —Reuter.

The open rocky nature of the terrain, said the spokesman, doubtless facilitated escape from Bardia.

Before the British forces launched the final onslaught it might have been possible for a small batch of Italians to creep through the cordon round the town. —Reuter.

No Help For Isolated Garrison

BRITISH TROOPS ARE NOW CONCENTRATING AROUND TOBRUK, AND HAVE TAKEN UP POSITIONS WEST OF THIS IMPORTANT PORT. THEY ARE APPARENTLY OPERATING ON THE SAME PLAN WHICH ENABLED THEM TO CAPTURE BARDIA WITH SUCH SMALL LOSS.

A Cairo communique yesterday said that the total of our casualties in the attack on Bardia was less than 600.

London military circles pointed out yesterday that the new concentration will make it impossible for Italian troops to enter or leave Tobruk. General Wavell sent his advance troops in exactly the same way west of Bardia before attacking the town.

Forced To Fight

While some small patrols may be able to slip out, the main Italian garrison will not be able to get away without putting up a fight. It is extremely unlikely that any reinforcements will get through.

There is no indication of the size of the Tobruk garrison.

Tobruk is one of the best harbours in Libya, the harbour being protected by a natural promontory running from west to east and nearly a mile wide and two miles long.

The harbour can be used in all weathers and is deep enough for large warships.

EIRE GETS READY

A BAN AGAINST THE DISPLAY OF SIGNPOSTS COMES INTO FORCE IN EIRE ON FEBRUARY 1.

This is the effect of an emergency Government Order which makes it an offence to display anywhere outside urban areas signs indicating direction or distance to any place.

A sign is deemed "displayed" if it can be seen from a highway, train or low flying aircraft. —Reuter.

the R.A.F. aerodrome.

There is still no explanation of the second person in the plane seen in the sea by the British trawler Haslemere.

The second person, a man, was nearly rescued by Lt. Comm. W. E. Fletcher, of the Haslemere, in rough seas, but Fletcher was forced to let him go before assistance arrived and he disappeared. —Reuter.

"Tuna" Fights U-Boat

A spirited engagement between the British submarine "Tuna" and a U-boat on the surface in enemy waters by night was reported in an Admiralty communique yesterday.

The U-boat made off at high speed after firing her gun immediately on encountering "Tuna" but "Tuna" gave chase and fired her after gun.

The U-boat was certainly hit on the conning-tower by one shell but unfortunately this cannot be considered vital damage.

For nearly an hour "Tuna" chased the enemy and only broke off the engagement and dived when sighting escort vessels which came to the rescue of the damaged U-boat.

"Tuna" previously sunk an enemy armed tug by gunfire and in neither engagement did "Tuna" sustain any damage or casualties. —Reuter.

BRITISH SUBMARINE LOST

The British submarine "Regulus," under Commander F. B. Currie, is now overdue and must be considered lost, states an Admiralty communique in London yesterday quoted by Reuter.

MYSTERY OF AMY JOHNSON DROWNING

MYSTERY STILL surrounds the death of Amy Johnson, the famous British airwoman, who was drowned after baling out of a plane which crashed in the Thames Estuary on Sunday.

It has now been established, stated the Ministry of Aircraft Production in London yesterday, that when Miss Johnson left the airfield on Sunday morning no passenger accompanied her.

The weather report given the aviatrix was bad and her parting words were: "All right, I'm going on top." This indicated she proposed to fly over the bad weather with the clouds below her.

Nothing more was seen of Miss Johnson's plane until it came down over the Thames Estuary.

One Parachute

The machine carried sufficient petrol for a four and three-quarter hour flight — the exact time between take-off and crash. Her scheduled flight should have taken one hour.

Only one parachute was observed to leave the plane before it hit the water.

It is believed Miss Johnson lost her course in bad weather. After flying round for several hours her petrol became exhausted and she finally baled out over the Thames Estuary, possibly hoping to alight as near as possible to one of the vessels in the naval convoy.

No Explanation

Amy Johnson was flying as an Air Transport auxiliary pilot, her duties being to fly completed aircraft from the factory direct to



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Italian Air Force Loses Half Its Strength In Libya

Damaging Blow Dealt By The R.A.F.

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

ITALY'S EMPIRE AIR FORCE HAS SUFFERED AS DAMAGING A BLOW AS ITALY'S LAND ARMY, PARTLY BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN BRILLIANTLY OUT-MANOEUVRED BY THE R.A.F. AND PARTLY BECAUSE OF THE BRILLIANT STAFF WORK OF THE BRITISH NAVY, ARMY AND AIR FORCE.

Undoubtedly the Italian air force is being reinforced and refitted across the Mediterranean at the cost of big hazards but the history of its participation in the desert air war is one of growing failure.

One month after the British "blitz" opened the Riga Aeronautica in Libya has lost probably 50 per cent. of its original total of front line planes in combat with the R.A.F.

It has lost several advance bases and is suffering a severe shortage in supplies, particularly petrol, thanks to the British Navy.

A total of 250 Italian aircraft, namely about half the original Italian strength in Libya, were certainly destroyed between December 7 and January 7, for the loss of less than 20 British planes.

Losses May Be Heavier

It is considered highly probable that 123 were battered on the ground during R.A.F. raids, and the capture of 40 of these in unserviceable condition at El Adem suggests that as the British capture new airfields it may be found that Italian air losses have been much heavier than is at present known.

Desert aerodromes are particularly vulnerable, as it is almost impossible to hide aircraft by dispersal.

The strain on Marshal Graziani's air arm is shown by the fact that Italian air activity has dropped steadily after the British capture of Sollum, rallying only for two days—January 4 and 5—in a frantic and fruitless effort to save Bardia.

Dodecanese Strated

No Italian air operations have been reported from the Dodecanese Islands since the outbreak of the Greek war, the Italian air force there having been virtually "strated" and starved out of existence by combined R.A.F. activities and the naval blockade.

The plight of Italian squadrons in East Africa is nearly as bad, and it is noticeable that their operations have been severely restricted for some weeks.

R.A.F. Growing Stronger

It is considered that the squadrons, numbering at most 150 aircraft, are in such straits for lack of supplies that maintenance of operations is impossible.

Meanwhile the R.A.F. in the Middle East is growing steadily stronger.

The R.A.F. spokesman in Cairo has just said that reinforcements are pouring in "more rapidly than two months ago."—Reuter.

R.A.F. SNOW RAID ON ELBASAN

A successful raid on military stores and buildings in Elbasan was made on Tuesday by R.A.F. bombers, says an R.A.F. communique issued from headquarters in Greece yesterday.

Snow, sleet and rain were falling in the target area, making observation difficult, but high explosive and incendiary bombs were seen to hit several buildings and a number of fires were started.

All aircraft returned safely despite heavy anti-aircraft fire. —Reuter.

RESULT OF BARDIA

ONE RESULT OF THE BRITISH VICTORY AT BARDIA IS A CHANGE OF OPINION IN BRITAIN'S FAVOUR IN THE KINGDOM OF YEMEN. ACCORDING TO RELIABLE REPORTS RECEIVED IN ADEN YESTERDAY.

Many prominent people in Yemen are stated to have abandoned



A number of evacuee children from the bombed areas of London have found safety at the London County Council Ashford Nursery, Middlesex. The nursery is equipped with shelters where the children can sleep and have their meals if necessary. Photo shows babies sleeping in the shelter. (Copyright, Fox).

MORE G-MEN TO COUNTER ESPIONAGE

An increase of 500 in the number of "G-Men" (Federal Bureau of Investigation) to counter espionage and sabotage is recommended in President Roosevelt's Budget proposals.

The strength of this body already equals the peak of the last war at 1,500.—Reuter.

any support for Italy in favour of Britain.

One indication of general opinion as to an Italian defeat in the war is that lire are nowhere accepted while sterling circulates freely.—Reuter.

RUHR HIT BY R.A.F. RAIDS

Coal production in the Ruhr district of Germany has seriously declined, probably owing to R.A.F. activities, according to information reaching the Ministry of Economic Warfare in London yesterday.

One estimate puts the reduction as high as 40 per cent compared with pre-war production.

On the whole, however, there is evidence that coal production generally has been maintained but there is a considerable shortage of supplies to consumers, owing to distribution difficulties.

R.A.F. Interference

R.A.F. interference with railway traffic and the shortage of railway wagons appear to be the main causes of the shortage.

There is also said to have been a considerable falling off in German coal exports to Italy and other countries.—Reuter.

DAYLIGHT RAIDS

R.A.F. FIGHTERS SHOT DOWN AN ENEMY BOMBER OFF THE SUSSEX COAST AT ANGMERING YESTERDAY.

The bomber was one of a few which attempted single daylight raids in widely scattered areas of England.

Bombs were dropped on a town in the Midlands and a town in East Anglia, but the number of casualties was small and damage slight.—Reuter.

LOSING NO TIME TO HELP BRITAIN

Progress is being made, said Representative Raeburn, Speaker of the House, after conferring yesterday with Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, and Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of Treasury, about aid for Britain.

Mr. Raeburn hinted that legislation might be considered by the House and Senate simultaneously.

He said: "There is going to be as little time lost as possible."

Other sources in Washington disclosed that an arms programme of \$10,000,000,000 for aid to Britain was being studied. —Reuter.

GREECE WILL NOT YIELD

"Whatever the circumstances are the Greeks will not yield," declared the Press Minister, M. Nicoloudis, in Athens yesterday replying to New Year wishes from foreign correspondents.

Mr. Nicoloudis declared: "Our great leader and Premier Metaxas, by his historic refusal on the night of October 28 to submit to Italian violence, brought back a tired world to the realisation of the duty of dying for honour and liberty."

"The struggle continues and will be long and hard."

"We do not know what complications, what forces and what trials we shall have to face, but you can tell your countries and the world that the Greeks will not be afraid, they will not yield; they will fight on to the end and will conquer." —Reuter.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Business on the London Stock Exchange yesterday was mainly of a specialised character. Speculative buying and the satisfactory progress of the war in the Middle East were responsible for a rise in oils. Broadening demand, especially from the provinces, caused a sharp advance in home rails. Kaffirs, notably non-producers, advanced on Cape buying. Elsewhere conditions were quiet though industrialists showed some firm spots. Wall Street was quiet and steady.—Reuter.

FRENCH SPITFIRE FUND

A Spitfire Fund for the Free French Forces in Britain has been opened with £500.

This sum was handed to General de Gaulle yesterday by the Association of Frenchmen in Britain. The first Spitfire to be purchased from the funds will be named General de Gaulle.—Reuter.

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AMERICAN NAVY CHANGES

Far-Reaching Reorganisation Announced

New C-In-C's "Undisclosed Duties"

FAR-REACHING reorganisation of the United States Navy, which in future will be divided into three fleets — Atlantic, Pacific and Asiatic — was announced in Washington yesterday by Col. Frank Knox, Secretary of Navy.

Col. Knox further announced that President Roosevelt has authorised an increase of 42,000 in the Navy's man-power.

He also said that Rear-Admiral Husband Gimmel is replacing Admiral James Richardson as Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific Fleet and will report to the Secretary of Navy for duties at present undisclosed.

The present Atlantic Patrol force, Col. Knox said, now includes about 125 ships, and the principal change in that respect was the change of name.

Destroyers For Britain

The Navy Department, he disclosed, intends to ask Congress for authority to build 280 auxiliary vessels such as submarine chasers, minesweepers and patrol boats.

Asked concerning the possibility of releasing more American destroyers for Britain, Col. Knox said: "I don't think any more destroyers can be detached from our Fleet without seriously impairing its efficiency."

Col. Knox added, however, that the final decision did not rest with him.

No Increase In Asiatic Fleet

Colonel Knox declared that it is not intended to increase the Asiatic Fleet's strength at present. The Navy planned to hold the usual fleet manoeuvres in the Pacific this Spring but the arrangement might be changed without notice.

The increase of 42,000 in personnel raises the Navy's man-power to 232,000, including reserves on active duty. — Reuter.

APPEASER TO RETURN?

THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT IS STILL IMPATIENT ABOUT THE DELAY IN THE CABINET RECONSTRUCTION AT VICHY IN FAVOUR OF THE GERMANS AND THE GERMAN-CONTROLLED RADIO AT OSLO YESTERDAY GAVE SOME INDICATION OF WHAT THE NAZIS WANT.

It was expected, said Oslo Radio, that M. Bonnet (who is a noted pro-German) will join the Cabinet and that other Ministers not favoured by Germany will go. — Reuter.

GIFTS FROM ASSAM

ASSAM, WHICH HAS ALREADY CONTRIBUTED ENOUGH TO THE R.A.F. FOR FOUR FIGHTERS HAS NOW SENT £20,000 FOR A BOMBER.

In addition, £800 has been sent to the Lord Mayor's Fund for air-raid victims and a further £500 is to be distributed among the British Red Cross and several funds for the benefit of the armed forces. — Reuter.

AMERICANS TO PAY MORE

Stiff increases in Income Tax and excess profits tax are predicted by officials in Washington as the immediate result of President Roosevelt's Budget proposals.

Tax revenues under the present budget programme will reach the highest point in American history but nevertheless President Roosevelt recommended additional taxation.

Ways and means were, however, left to Congress. Tax experts consider income tax the most logical means of raising additional revenue and that the rate will increase to 10 per cent. Increases in gift and estate levies are also predicted. — Reuter.

BRITAIN TO LET SUPPLIES INTO FRANCE

AT PRESIDENT Roosevelt's personal request a special shipload of foodstuffs and clothing is to pass through the British blockade from the United States to unoccupied France for distribution under the direct control of the American Red Cross.

The President's request, it was stated at the Ministry of Economic Warfare in London yesterday, was addressed to the British Government during the past few days. The goods consist of Vitamin A concentrates and clothing.

It is stressed in authoritative quarters that this concession, which is being made solely for the relief of children in unoccupied France, in no way alters the British policy of blockading France as a whole.

The fact that the administration of relief goods is being undertaken by the American Red Cross is considered sufficient guarantee that they will, in fact, reach the children for whom they are intended.

Wheat For Spain

The goods are being shipped in the same vessel as a cargo of wheat consigned to Spain by the United States.

When unloaded at a Spanish port the vessel will proceed to a port in unoccupied France.

In addition to this shipload it is understood that a small consignment of Vitamin A concentrates, which had been detained in Bermuda, will be able to proceed.

They are being taken to unoccupied France by the well-known dress designer, Madame Schiaparelli, who is returning from the United States to Paris.

Further Relief

It was stated in London yesterday that if the present shipment safely reaches the proper destination, further quantities of relief food for children in unoccupied France will be allowed through the blockade from time to time.

President Roosevelt, it was added, was well aware of the distinction in such cases between occupied and unoccupied France. — Reuter.

CANNOT FASTEN CORSETS —£750.

A sum of £750, which included special damages, was awarded at Leicester Assizes to Mrs. Kathleen Mary Warner, aged twenty-seven, of James Street, Anstey, Leicester, who told Mr. Justice Oliver that through an accident to a hand she was now unable to fasten her corsets or wash her own baby.

Mrs. Warner sued F. Harvison, builders' contractor, of Bosworth Street, Leicester, for damages for personal injury. The firm denied responsibility.

She said that while returning home at night with her soldier-husband she fell over a trench dug outside her house by Harvison's workmen. The trench was filled in unevenly and, tripping up, she severed a nerve in one of her wrists.

Since the accident she had completely lost the use of her first finger and thumb, and for a long time was unable to dress herself.

She was unable to carry on her job as a hosiery cutter because she could not use scissors. She could not do her own washing.

The Judge called Mrs. Warner to the Bench and, standing in front of her, gripped both of her hands.

Summing up, he said that Mrs. Warner had a useful hand and that she was now very handicapped. He thought she had exaggerated when she said she could not bath her baby, and she must learn to use her hands.

MEAT RATION VARIATIONS ANNOUNCED

Owing to the diversion of shipping for war purposes to the Middle East, the Ministry of Food announces it will be necessary during the next few months to vary the meat ration at short notice within the range of 1/4 and 1/6d.

The Ministry will announce the amount of the ration week by week and for the current week it will be 1/2d.

Supplies to catering establishments will be correspondingly reduced. — Reuter.

The Axis Doesn't Care!

The Axis is indifferent to the New World, according to a statement broadcast from Rome Radio in reply to President Roosevelt's speech to Congress.

The statement added: "President Roosevelt repeats the absurd opinion that a victory of the Axis would constitute a menace to America, although anybody with knowledge of European affairs knows perfectly well that the first principle of the Axis policy is always the Monroe Doctrine, namely, complete disinterestedness to the New World."

"We are prepared to go further. By the New World we mean not only the North and South American continents but Australia, New Zealand and all the islands in the Pacific."

The announcer added: "What we resent is that the American President should impose his system on us and if any attempt is made to do so then it will mean war, but it will not be we who are the aggressors. It will be America." — Reuter.

SOVIET INTEREST IN ROOSEVELT

President Roosevelt's speech to Congress has received wide mention in the Soviet press, and is not liked by the German and Japanese press.

The official Soviet newspaper "Pravda" ran a 700-word article under a double-column heading. The German press is to be instructed to say that it was a provocation to Germany, Italy, Japan and Russia. It was revealed in Berlin yesterday.

A Berlin spokesman said that the German press will describe it as provocative and "arrogant beyond description."

The Japanese press takes the same violent line. The Tokyo "Nichi Nichi" grumbling that it is aimed equally at Japan, which is fighting China. — Reuter.

AMERICAN WHEAT FOR SPAIN

Conditions upon which the American Red Cross would send a cargo of wheat or flour to Spain, to meet immediate civilian requirements, have been communicated to the Spanish Government, stated Mr. Norman Davis, Chairman of the American Red Cross, in Washington yesterday.

If such a cargo were sent it would presumably be a separate shipload and additional to cargoes already announced as being sent to Europe.

The conditions were not specified in the Washington announcement but it is believed that the American Red Cross is requiring an assurance that it will be given complete freedom in handling supplies. — Reuter.

GREEK PEOPLE'S MIRACLE

Creation of a third period of Greek civilisation as a result of the victorious conclusion of the present war was predicted yesterday by General Metaxas.

The occasion was a presentation to him of a bronze copy of a statue of Pallas Athena by the Greeks during the sixth century.

Disclaiming credit for creating Greece's moral strength, General Metaxas said that it had been dormant and reawakened and given a forward pulse.

"The miracle which has been accomplished," he said, "is the work of the Greek people. It is in this that its significance lies." — Reuter.

MOTORISTS QUEUE TO GIVE LIFTS

"Help-your-neighbour" motorists lined up recently to get their extra petrol under the new passenger-carrying scheme.

They were prepared to undertake to carry daily as many people as their cars would hold from their own districts to London, set them down at convenient points, and take the same people back again in the evening.

Many of the motorists who sought the extra petrol had been carrying regular passengers for weeks past, managing on basic and supplementary rations.

These neighbourly drivers had to apply personally at the London headquarters of the A.A. and the R.A.C. and some of them were there with their registration books soon after 8 a.m.

Motor Cyclists, Too

They filled up forms, lined up in queues according to the size of their cars, told the clerks of the journeys they were prepared to travel, and took away their coupons and labels to stick on their cars.

Several gathered at the special counter for drivers of motor cycle combinations.

An official said: "A number of people have told us that they are going to bring their cars out of storage to carry passengers. We have had to tell them that we cannot act on that and that they must produce the current registration book."

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LISBON****RENEWED ASSURANCE** of the friend-
ship uniting Britain and Portugal were ex-
pressed in Lisbon yesterday when Sir Ronald
Campbell, new British Ambassador to Portu-
gal, presented his credentials to President
Carmona.Sir Ronald referred to "two countries,
which by tradition, independent spirit and the
extent and strength of their colonial empires,
have many characteristics and interests in
common."President Carmona, replying
expressed a view that the friend-
ship between the two countries
might become even more fruitful,
and conveyed to the King sincere
wishes for his personal happiness
and the prosperity of his Empire.would find a sincere echo in the
feelings of admiration in Portugal
for "your noble nation and the
high virtues of which she is so
justifiably proud."**Wide Understanding**The friendship between Britain
and Portugal, which grave events
had in no way been able to dis-
turb, must be inspired by a wide
and mutual understanding.Purpose of the Ambassador's
mission, which was to make this
friendship even more fruitful, was
in keeping with the President's
sincere wishes. — Reuter.**Duke Of Kent's Visit**President Carmona expressed
appreciation that the Ambassa-
dor had recalled the traditional friend-
ship and common interest exist-
ing between the two countries.The visit which the Duke of
Kent paid to Portugal at the time
of the Centenary celebra-
tion was striking evidence of British sym-
pathy with the Portuguese.The Ambassador's tribute to the
spirit of the Portuguese people**THANKS
AMID
DEBRIS**With a chair for her pulpit, a
young woman in navy-blue slacks
and crimson pullover conducted a
sitting-room service of thanks-
giving in the heart of one of Lon-
don's worst hit areas.As she led her small congrega-
tion in prayer, her words were
followed by a group of passers-
by in the road. Her voice floated
through the shattered windows of
her bomb-damaged home.Hundreds of houses in this
south-west London area road
had suffered from five raids,
but disaster was averted when
experts made harmless a huge
high explosive which landed in
the back yard of a villa.Thirty yards away is the home
of Miss Barbara Fish, thirty-four-
year-old A.R.P. warden, and
former theological student.Several thousand people had to
leave their homes while the ex-
perts risked their lives to remove
the danger. Afterwards Miss Fish
pasted a notice on her front gate:
"A thanksgiving service is to be
held."That night, girls, women and
men crowded into the neat little
front room to pray."We thank God for the bravery
of those men who, in a tense and
dangerous situation, risked their
lives to save our homes," prayed
Miss Fish with bowed head.After hymns, prayers and a
Bible reading, the congregation
returned home to collect mat-
tresses and blankets for another
night in their air-raid shelters.
After collecting her hymn and
prayer books, Miss Fish set out for
her A.R.P. post.**SPANISH
AMBASSADOR
RECALLED**The Spanish Am-
bassador to Italy,
Senor Garcia Condey
Mendez, has been
recalled and told to
hold himself at the
disposal of the
Spanish Foreign
Office, said a Madrid
despatch to the Ita-
lian Stefani agency in
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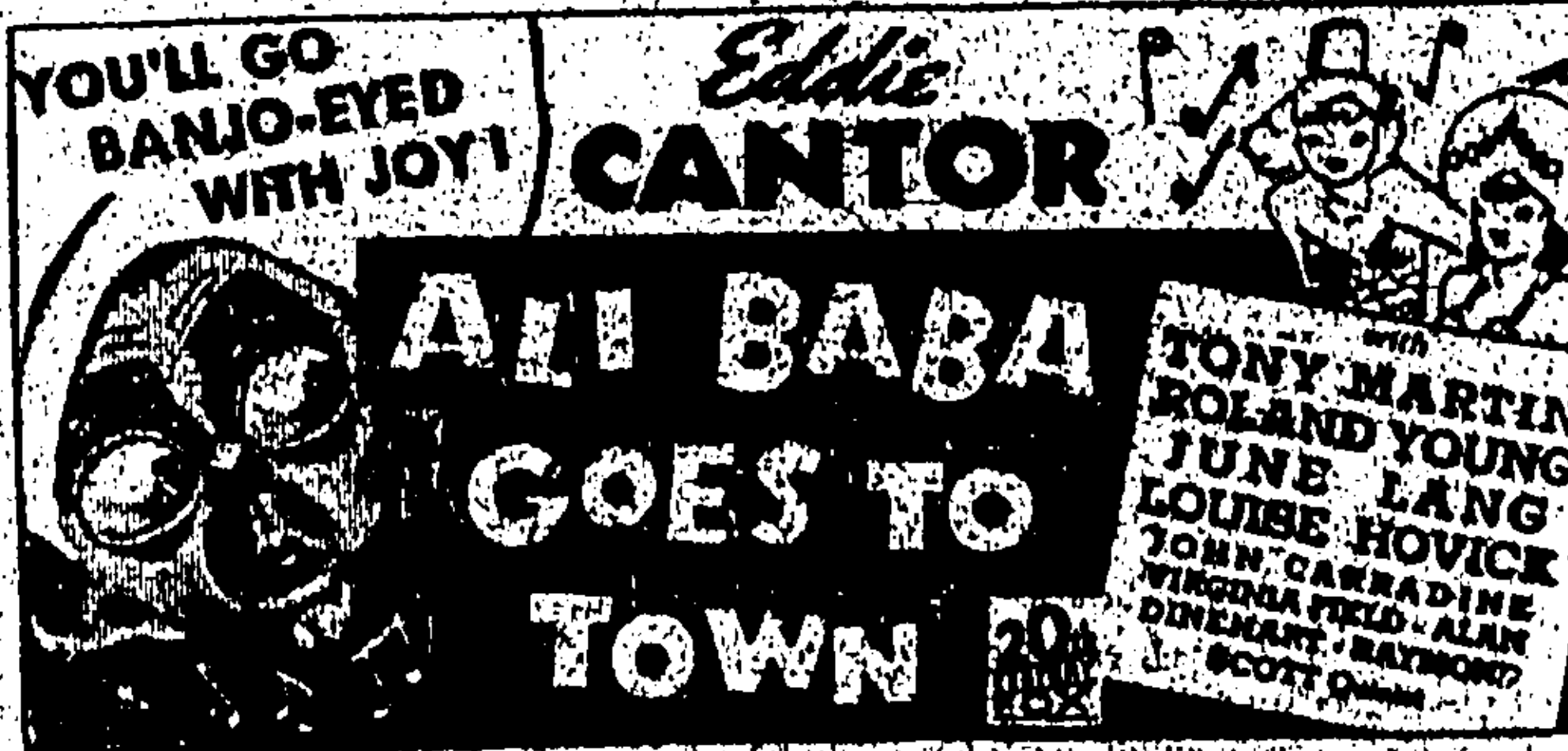
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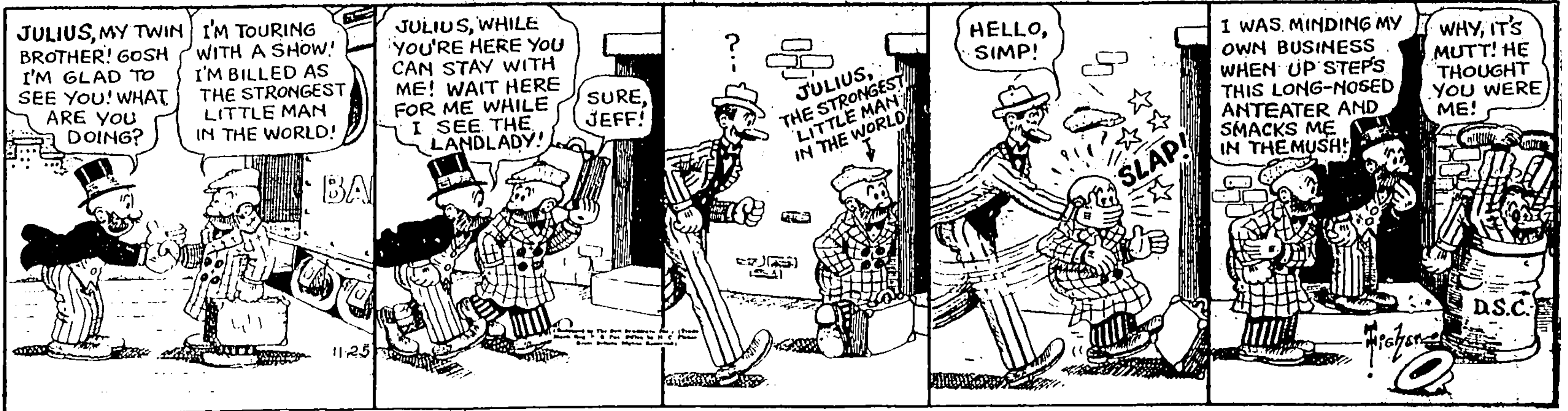
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HIS WIFE'S PHOTOGRAPH

A roar, followed by a shaking explosion, caught the Medical Officer as he was walking to the Sick Quarter of a Coastal Command Station. Instinctively he ducked behind a wall. An aircraft had crashed and blown up, not far from him. Debris from the shattered machine fell around like rain. A small photograph floated down in front of him. It was the picture of the young wife of one of the pilots on the Station.

"Poor kid," muttered the Medical Officer. "I wonder who will tell his wife."

A grimy figure came running round the building, from the direction of the burning wreckage. It was the "poor kid," minus tunic, a bit shaken, but none the worse. He had managed to jump clear as he crashed.

He was flying solo in shirt sleeves, with his tunic hanging up behind him when, to avoid collision with another aircraft, he had to put his machine down on the Sergeant's tennis court. His wife's photograph had been in a small pocket Bible, buttoned into the breast pocket of his tunic. The explosion blew the Bible out of the pocket, and the photograph, out of the Bible, which was found, slightly charred, on the roof of a neighbouring building. There was not a trace of the tunic—or even of its buttons.

THE AIR FORCE TYPE

There has always been talk of the Navy type and the Army type. A rugged, square-built face, a good complexion and "eyes over the horizon" invariably suggest a sailor. The Army type calls to mind a stiff back, and a moustache. But so far there is no such thing as an Air Force type. Perhaps it is that two generations of flying men are insufficient for the evolution of a type; certainly to describe anyone as "a typical airman" is not helpful—it conjures up no particular image.

Films about flying have familiarised us with a series of keen resolute men living "on their nerves", as the saying goes, and on the whole rather less human than their machines. But they are not typical—as a visit to any R.A.F. mess will show.

Youth is the main thing that R.A.F. crews have in common; that, and their unswerving devo-

tion to the air. Their job is their hobby and there is no sounder guarantee of a job well done.

Physically, they offer striking contrast. You find them plump and lethargic, slim and athletic, short and tall. Some are talkers, others hardly ever open their mouths; some carry themselves with self assurance, while others show a surprising mildness.

Muffled in their flying clothes and helmets they all look alike as they clamber stiffly down from aircraft back from a raid. But as helmet and leather coats come off, the differences are revealed. Here is a young fellow with a baldish head and a modest manner—not the conventional appearance of a hero. Here is another with wide, dreamy eyes and delicate hands. Here is one who fits more into the picture—a broad grin, a healthy, glowing face and a shock of wild hair. But he again, is offset by a man with a studious face—looking as though he had spent the last four hours on an office stool instead of in an air gunner's cockpit.

"What do you make of my observer?" said a pilot the other day. "He wouldn't hurt a kitten, yet he's the fellow who drops the bombs—queer isn't it."

One looks in vain for the strained bloodshot eyes, the ragged nerves, the crude devil-may-care manner of fictional flyers. There is none of that about the R.A.F. airmen. Nor are they controlling violent emotions or making a pose of nonchalance. They are merely behaving ordinarily about what to them—although the rest of the world may wonder—has become an ordinary job.

Occasionally there is excitement over some particular success, and there is enthusiasm all the time. On the other hand there was no affectation about the pilot who recently described his journey to Berlin as "just a 'bus ride.'"

It is in these characteristics perhaps rather than in any physical similarity that we shall discover the Air Force type—this singular capacity for remaining cool, combined with a genius for understatement, born of the only real fear the R.A.F. have, the fear of "shooting a line."

GERMAN BOMBS IN ENGLISH FLOWER POTS

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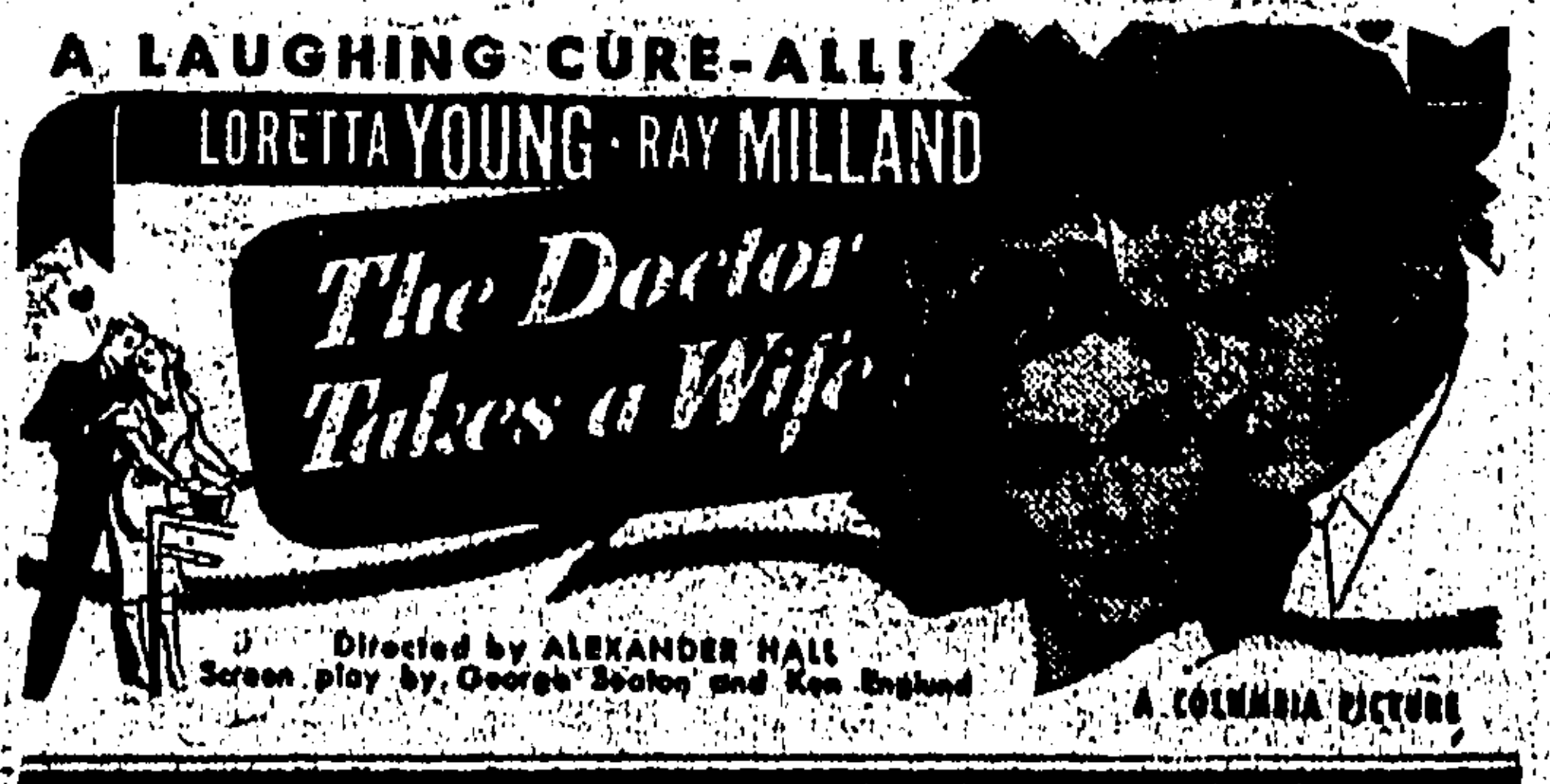
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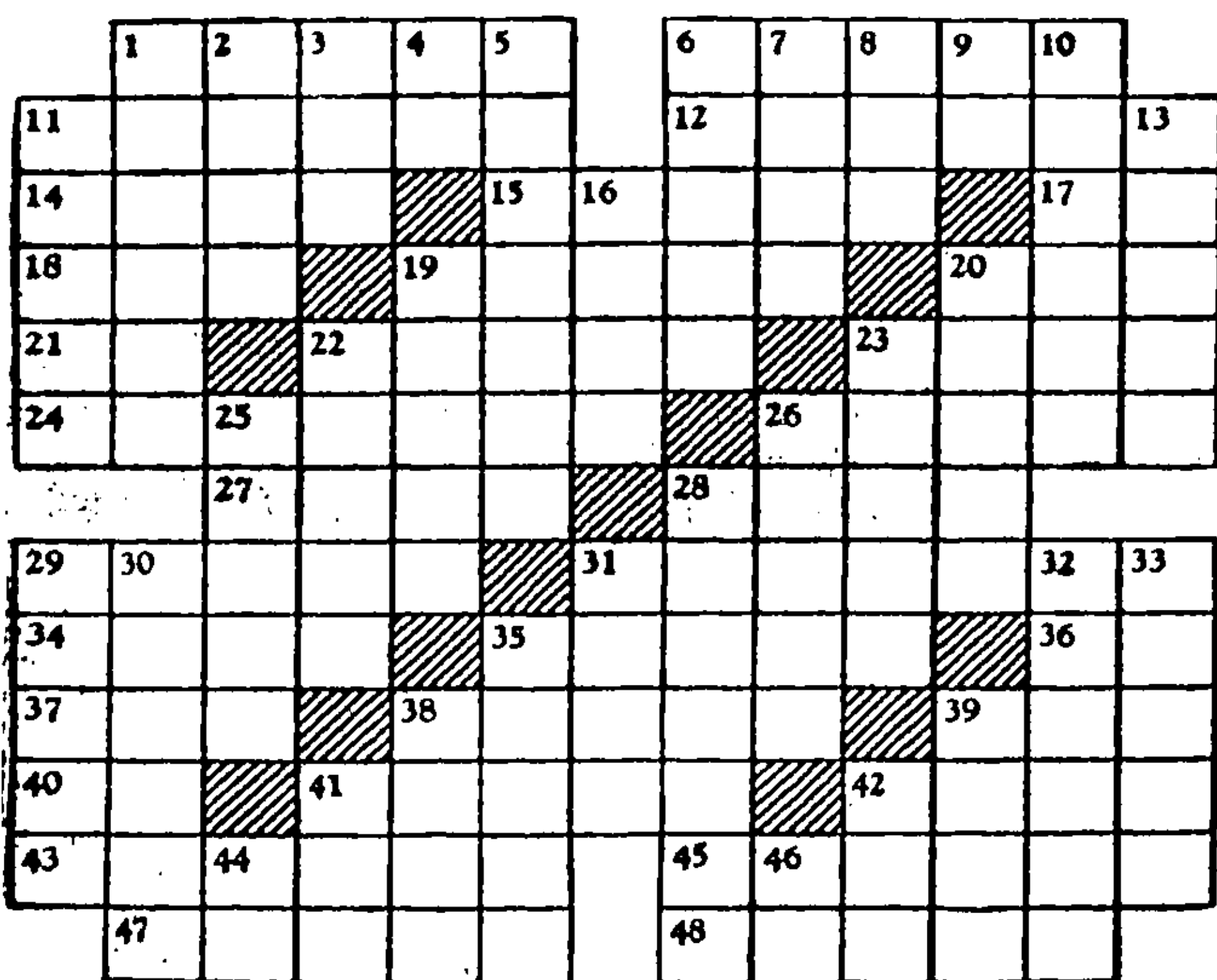


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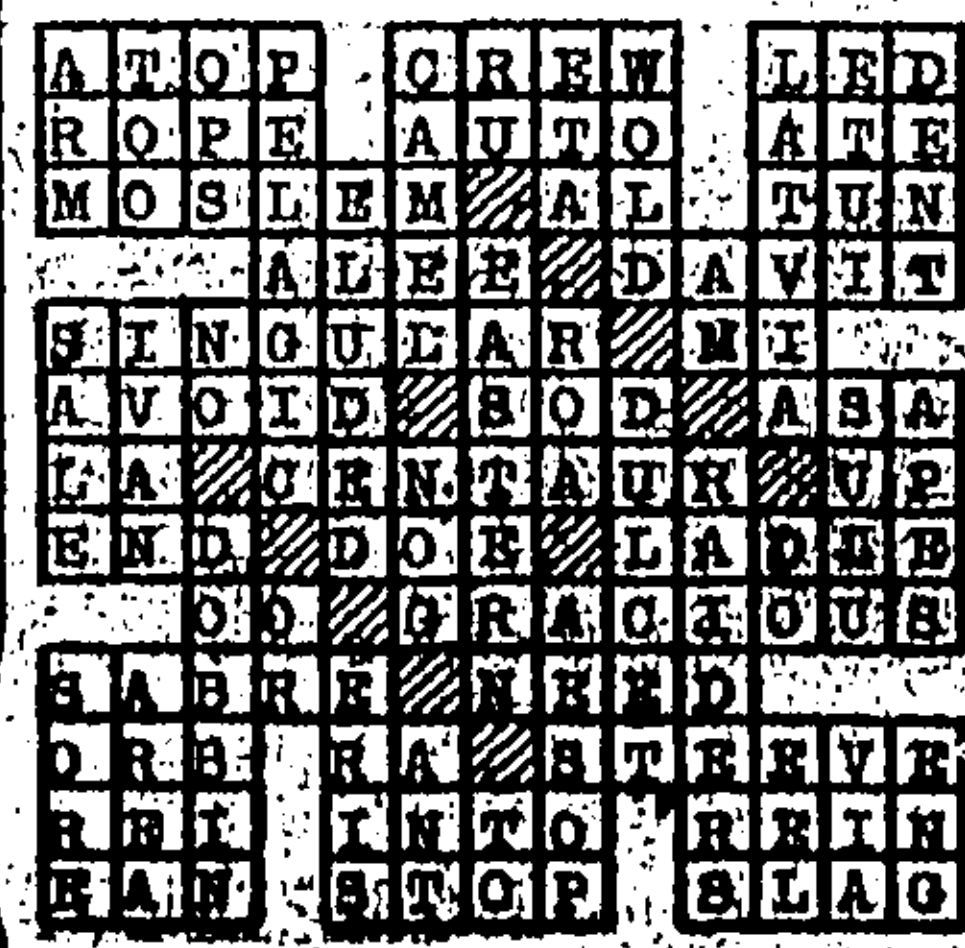
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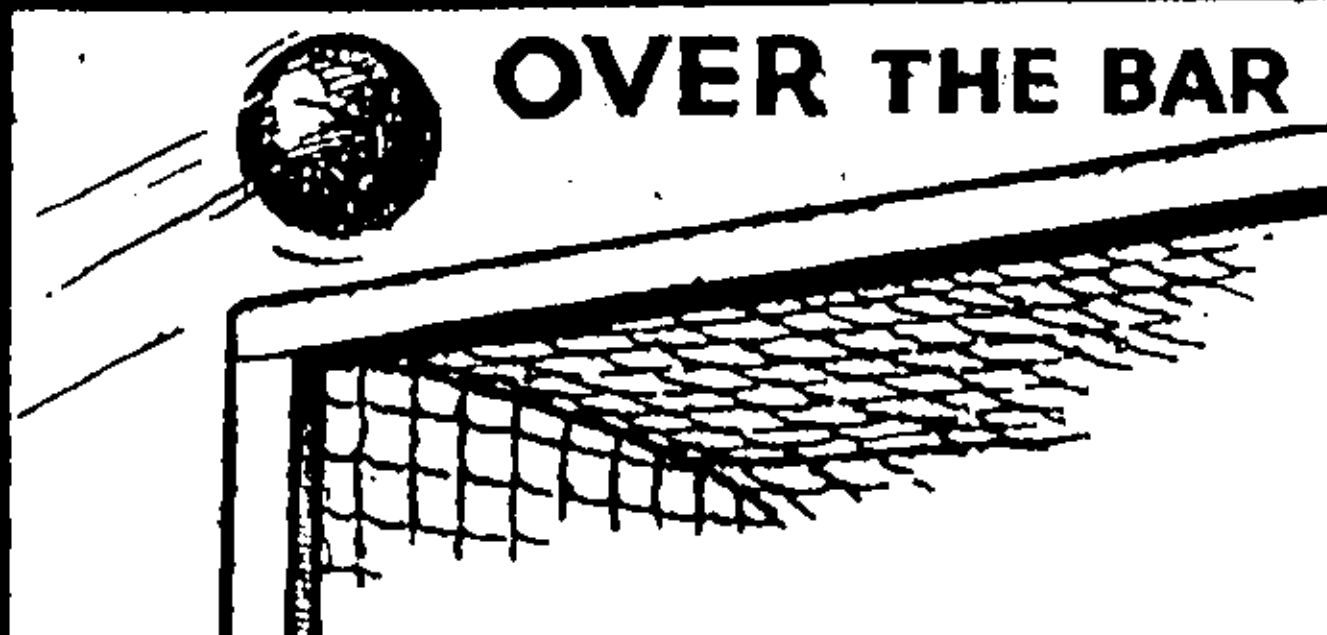
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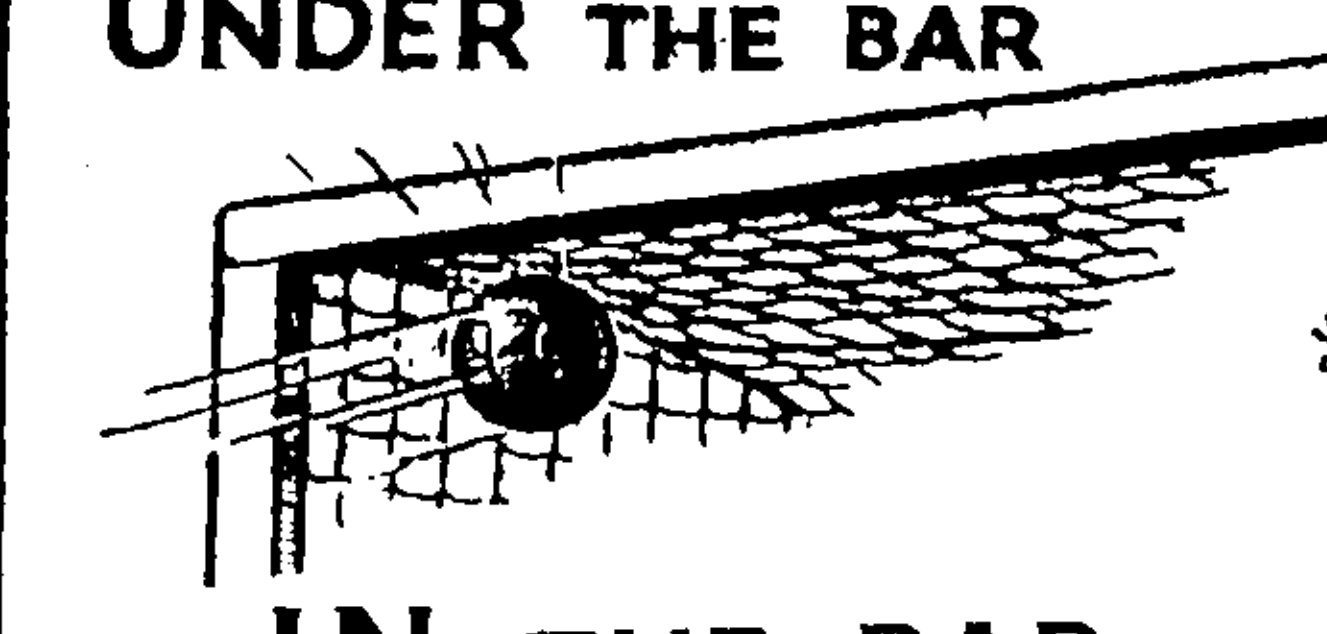
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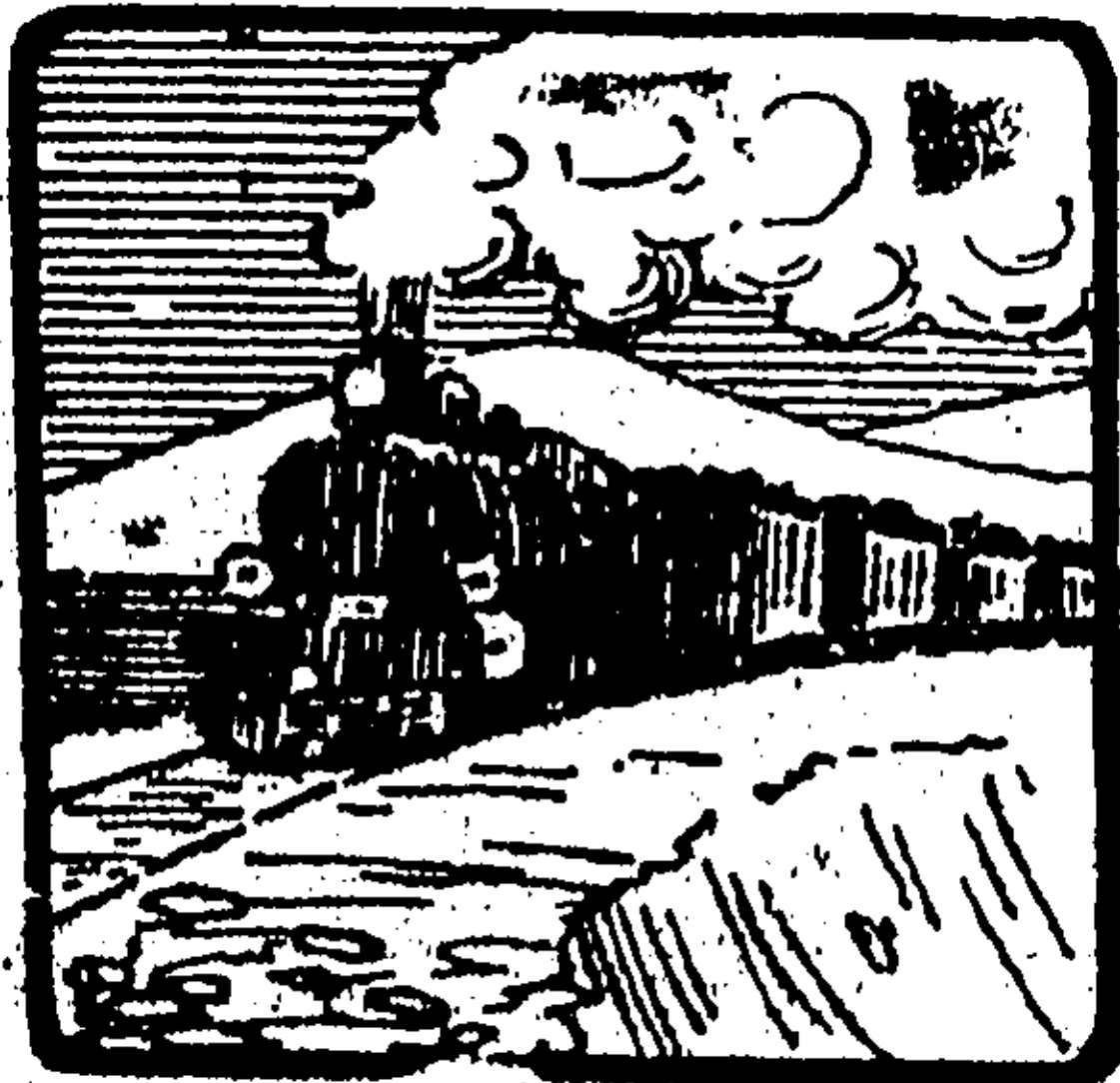
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HOW THE R.A.F. PICK ITS MEN

GERMAN DAY-AND-NIGHT air attacks on Britain have not affected the training of pilots. This I was told by the commanding officer of one of the largest flying training schools in the country, writes Ronald Walker, "News Chronicle" air correspondent.

"War operations over a small country like Britain have not cut down the output of pilots, as some people seem to imagine," he said. "More and more pilots are being trained."

Yesterday I wrote about the training of ground personnel. Flying training is not more important, but it cannot help but be more exciting. This is the branch which supplies to the squadrons the pilots and other flying personnel, including navigators, observers, radio operators and gunners.

The pupil of to-day has to work much harder than his pre-war comrade.

Not only has the system of training been changed, but the time allowed has been reduced, the same high standards of proficiency are maintained.

Under the pre-war system the pupil learned to fly at a civilian training school, gaining at least 50 hours' flying experience before putting on uniform.

Young men to-day can choose flying duties, but they have first to pass a preliminary medical test. The Aviation Candidates' Selection Board looks them over and tests their knowledge of mathematics and trigonometry. Then the doctors have a second session.

"Ginger" Course

If the candidate passes through this searching test he is passed on to a Receiving Wing to be put into uniform and taught how to behave in it. All pilots and flying personnel have to begin in the ranks to-day.

Now an airman, the pupil goes to an Initial Training Wing, where he is given an intensive ginger-up course, and elementary instruction in mathematics, navigation, armament and signals.

Flying instruction begins at the Elementary Flying Training School, where he makes his first cross-country flight and does a little "blind" flying in covered cockpit with the instructor in front watching for trouble.

It is during this period that the young pilots are selected for fighters or bombers. A lad with dash, with split-second reactions, is more likely to be chosen as a fighter. The quieter, steadier lad, with ample patience, qualifies for bombing.

Fighter pilots go to their O.T.U. and are not concerned with other personnel, but the bomber pilot is just one member of the crew of a bomber.

While he is under training, observer-navigators, air gunners and radio operators are passed through their own particular schools. At the Bomber Operational Training Unit the crew members come together.

Crews are selected, and from that moment they are trained as a unit.

Close Families

This method of training as working units has been largely responsible for the success of R.A.F. bombing raids. The crews of heavy bombers have become close families.

I arrived one night at a Service Flying Training School. Through low-lying mist we drove some miles to a landing ground where, to my surprise, the landing lights were on.

Pupils were doing night-flying practice in twin-engined monoplanes, flying round and round the field, landing and taking off to the light signals from the control officer.

It was at this flying field that a pupil pilot on a solo flight recently rammed a Heinkel bomber. The young pilot and all the crew of the Heinkel were killed. When I asked the control officer what happened if enemy aircraft arrived, he said: "We've a job to do, and we carry on."

Mechanical Teacher

During the day the pupils divide their time between the classrooms and the aerodrome. Their first attempts at bombing are done on the ground in the bombing teacher.

In the roof an elaborate instrument projects on to the white floor below an air photograph of a strip of country.

This moves as the ground would move under an aircraft, and also allows for wind drift. The pupil has then to drop imaginary bombs on a given spot, using the bomb sight in the ordinary way and pressing a button for the release.

The moving picture stops and a light spot shows just where the bomb would have fallen.

The commanding officer told me that the standard of recruits is excellent.

"It was good before the war," he said. "To-day, the standard is better than ever."

TROOPS LEAVE DEVIL'S ISLAND

Hollow-eyed, fever-ridden fugitives from Cayenne, notorious prison colony in French Guiana, who have reached St. Thomas, in the Virgin Islands, in a small boat, revealed that the French troops and police stationed there have abandoned the settlement in a body.

They have gone to enlist under General de Gaulle, leader of the Free French forces.

Henri Roulet, leader of the fugitives, told the authorities at St. Thomas that the only prisoners now remaining are 300 at Devil's Island.

All those at Cayenne itself, he said, have been liberated.

Many Germans and Italians have arrived at Cayenne, said Roulet, and are trying to establish order.

Devil's Island, one of the most notorious penal settlements in the world, was the place of detention of Dreyfus, till he was cleared, after twelve years, of the false accusation of treason.

LIFE WAS SAVED BY A MANGLE

A bomb fell on a public house in a south-east coast town. There was a blinding flash, a terrific roar.

When the licensee, Mr. Sidney Herbert, fifty-one — Lucky Old Sid to his pals — became conscious again, he was in the cellar. His mouth was filled with clay. A shaft of daylight not bigger than a knitting needle pierced the gloom.

Something lay heavy across his thighs, and he tried in vain to shift it.

Shouts came from above. He spat out the clay and shouted back. Then smoke entered his lungs.

"Trapped!" flashed through his mind as he coughed and spluttered under a pile of debris that would take hours to move. And there was fire near him.

Choking he struggled again to free himself, but fell back exhausted. "What a rotten end," he thought.

Lucky Accident

Up above him someone tugged at a floor joist and a kitchen mangle hurtled cellarwards. The rescue party held their breath.

"That'll finish old Sid," said one. But as the mangle crashed the weight went off the imprisoned man's legs; fresh air fanned his face. He opened his eyes, saw a foot-square patch of daylight, and shouted.

Another crash — this time it was the kitchen stove. It swept a path through the debris and landed near the mangle.

Through a gap in the wreckage a head and two arms came up. In a few seconds "Lucky Old Sid" was standing with the rescue party.

"Good job I bought the missus that mangle after all," he panted.

MUST CONSUME LESS

We must produce the maximum and personally consume the minimum, said Captain Crookshank, M.P., Financial Secretary to the Treasury, inaugurating Grimsby War Weapons Week.

"The demands for war material and war equipment," he added, "are unlimited. It follows we must cut all our normal consumption to the lowest possible."

Discussing the cost of the war and the measures adopted to meet the expenditure, Captain Crookshank said we needed to borrow about £40,000,000 a week to be "on a really good wicket."

"It must be genuine new savings; money put by week by week out of our earnings, not just money put into war loans and so on by selling other shares and buying war securities with the proceeds."

'RED' REVIVAL IN GERMANY

(By A Diplomatic Correspondent)

Information reaching me through official communist channels indicates that communist activity in Germany is increasing day by day.

The Communist Party there is reported to be waging a vigorous campaign of organisation and propaganda.

The activity takes two forms:

SECRET.—"Cells" of Red workers are being formed in the factories, docks, railway centres and arsenals.

OPEN.—Leaflets and pamphlets are appearing, cyclo-styled memoranda are being passed from hand to hand, information is being transmitted from mouth to mouth, and slogans are appearing on the walls and hoardings.



WITH MOSCOW'S COMPLIMENTS

There seemed to be some sort of compliment involved in the recent appointment of Commissar V. P. Dekanozoff as Soviet Ambassador to Berlin. He is one of Russia's outstanding figures in the field of foreign relations. He is a personal friend of Stalin, is reported to have been born in Stalin's native Georgia and even to have some blood relationship with the Soviet dictator.

The appointment of so important a person to represent Russian interests in Nazi Germany is construed by authorised Nazi press commentators as signifying a greater regard in Moscow for Berlin and as presaging more active relations between the Soviet Union and the Third Reich. More active relations may well follow. The movements of the Red Army in the Ukraine and of the Black Sea Fleet suggest that as the Nazis push into the Balkans and toward the Near East, German-Russian relations are certain to become more active—even agitated.

One reason why Commissar Dekanozoff is so outstanding a diplomat is because of his unusual equipment in Balkan and Near Eastern affairs. Apparently Berlin hopes for a clarification of Russian policy now that the new Ambassador has been appointed.

The first sign of clarification is Bulgaria's obstinacy when confronted by invitations to join the Axis.

Experienced observers will watch Turkey for other signs of clarification of Russian policy, for Russian influence is very strong in both these countries, and it would be lessened by Axis penetration.

Commissar Dekanozoff can be expected to make a shrewd broker where transactions involving Russian prestige are under way. From this distance it would seem that the compliment implied in his appointment to Berlin was the compliment that one hard bargainer pays another when he sends one of his best traders to complete a deal.

Next to Hitler, Hermann Goering is unquestionably the most popular man in Germany; in many respects he is even more popular than Hitler, for Hitler stays in the clouds while Goering puts his strong legs firmly on the ground. Hitler is an ascetic who does not smoke or drink; he lives on vegetables and has no affairs with the feminine sex—characteristics which always inspire awe in the masses. Goering, on the other hand, loves wines, women and song; he has the same sound animal instincts and vices as the common man; therefore the people love him.

His most important characteristic, and one which wins all hearts, is his sense of humour. Of all the Nazi leaders, he is practically the only one who has a certain valuable trait: he likes to laugh, and when he is made fun of he knows how to take it. He has the irresistible comic quality of the "nice fat boy."

Good Stock

Goering comes from good and ancient German stock, of a family originally from Pomerania. Among his ancestors were school-teachers and artisans; later generations produced mayors, merchants and senators. Still later, under the Prussian kings, his forefathers served as government officials; his great-grandfather, Michael Christian Goering, was made war councillor under Frederick the Great—something very near to being a minister. French blood entered the family when his grandfather married Caroline de Nere. His father was the first German commissar in the newly acquired colony of South-West Africa; in 1890 he went to Haiti as German consul-general.

Hermann Goering, however, was spared fate of birth in a foreign country. His mother returned to Germany in time to give life to him in Rosenheim, not far from Munich. He was born on January 12, 1893, the fourth child in the family.

Ten weeks later his mother, Franziska Goering returned to Haiti, leaving her baby with a friend. Two years later, however, the whole family returned from Haiti.

The Goerings were well off. They kept open house in Berlin, receiving diplomats and officers. The son's weakness for resplendent uniforms and decorations dates back to his childhood: John, the valet, had to bring sabres and uniform caps to his bedside when a party night was on.

After his retirement from diplomatic service, the father moved to the Chateau Veldenstein in Franconia. From here little Hermann was sent to school in Fuerth, much to his displeasure. He did not like either the school or the Jews, of whom there were many in Fuerth.

Military School

The obvious solution for the somewhat difficult educational problem of the boy Goering was a military school, a *Kadettenkorps*. There learning was secondary; the main thing was to become a soldier. It suited the inclinations of the boy; he became an excellent cadet and left the military college of Lichterfelde with the highest of distinctions; praise from the Kaiser.

His joyful father presented the boy with 1,000 marks. The use Hermann made of the money is as characteristic of him as it is congenial: he invited the family chauffeur, Sepp Ruch, to take a trip with him to Italy. To his father he wrote: "Money which is not immediately necessary for living is there for pleasure. I am sharing it with Sepp Ruch, hoping you will understand."

His father died in 1913. The next year Hermann rose to the rank of lieutenant in a regiment stationed near Muehlhausen.

"When I become an officer—which goes without saying—there must also be a war. I want to distinguish myself like my papa." This boyhood wish was granted, like nearly all his wishes. "The war came."

A few weeks after the outbreak of the war he was the first lieutenant of his regiment to receive the Iron Cross. When rheumatism of the joints began to bother him, he filed an application to become an aviator. There was no reply; so he made up his mind and flew in the aeroplane of his friend Loerzer to the general headquarters of the Crown Prince.

Here he was snarled at for undisciplined action; then actually dispatched to the flying corps. Once more he had got away with it.

First Flight

After a period of observation, he passed his pilot's exams in the autumn of 1915, and within four weeks was able to fly to the front in the first machine of his own. Goering's pluck in aerial warfare is well known. In 1915 he was severely wounded. Only half recovered, he was ordered to join a flying relief corps in Boebingen but simply did not carry out the command. He sent the following telegram to the inspection headquarters of the aviation forces in Berlin: "Not able to locate Boebingen either in the railway

By Heinrich Hauser

time table or on the map. Have consequently returned to the front."

His surviving adversaries in air battle speak of him with respect. After shooting down twenty planes he received the highest German war decoration, the *Pour le Merite*. It was evident that he had been born under a lucky star. In June, 1918, he was sent up to test a new model pursuit plane in Berlin.

His trial flight went smoothly; then his friend, Captain Reinhardt, was sent up for the second test. At 1,000 metres the wings fell off—again death had barely missed Goering.

On July 7, 1918, First Lieutenant Goering was appointed commander of the Richthofen pursuit squadron, shortly after Richthofen's death. He continued in command of the squadron until the revolution. When it disbanded in Aschaffenburg after the Armistice, Goering prophesied that some day there would be a new Richthofen squadron. He has made that prophecy come true.

Married Baroness

There followed the typical adventures of a discharged officer in the post-war period. For a time Goering was a night taxicab driver. Then, in the spring of 1922, he married a Swedish baroness, Karin von Fock. The young couple lived rather poorly in a little hunting lodge near Munich. On October 12, 1922, Goering first heard Hitler speak at a political gathering in Munich. His enthusiasm was kindled, and by the next day the two men had become friends. Hitler commissioned him to organise the Storm Troops, and thus he became the first leader of the S.A.

Marching at Hitler's side in the ill-fated coup of November 9, 1923, the so-called Beer-Hall putsch, he was struck by a machine-gun bullet. Government police arrested him in a hospital, but a few hours later some of his S.A. men rescued him. They carried the wounded man to a motor car and got him away to nearby Austria.

The ensuing stations of his life include Venice, Rome, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Danzig and Sweden. A political fugitive whose arrest had been ordered in Germany, Goering suffered that fate of the exiled which he later prepared for so many others. His wife's jewels and finally every object of value went to the pawnshop. Eventually their last belongings were auctioned off, and the Goerings lived for a long time on small loans from their friends.

Sting in Speeches

In 1926 a general political amnesty was decreed, and he returned to Germany.

Two years later, in May, 1928, Goering was one of the first twelve delegates of the Nazi Party to enter the Reichstag. He was never a good speaker, but his speeches were popular, to the point, and matchless in their sting.

On September 25, 1931, Karin, Goering's first wife, died in Sweden. He had loved her deeply, and in memory of her he built his country place, "Karinhall," where she now is buried.

By 1932 the Nazis had become the strongest party in Germany

with 230 delegates. Goering became Speaker of the Reichstag. As speaker, Goering was in the habit of scrutinising through his field glasses delegates of those parties which displeased him.

After the short-lived ministry of General Schleicher, the last under the parliamentary system, came the famous January 30, 1933, on which Goering could report to his Fuehrer: "The position is taken—you will be Reich-Chancellor!"

At five o'clock in the afternoon the new Cabinet convened. Now it was no longer Goering the retired captain who sat at Hitler's side, but Goering the Reich Minister, the Commissioner of the Prussian Ministry of the Interior and the Commissioner of the Air Force. Within an hour he had moved into his office at the Ministry of the Interior on Potsdamer Platz. Three months later he was Minister-President.

Strong Arm

His further career is so well known that it is not necessary to describe it in detail. To-day he still remains the strong arm of the Fuehrer.

But it is difficult to explain how, in a few years, he could have acquired by honest means art collections worth a fortune—on a salary which, according to Nazi principles, could not exceed 60,000 marks annually. The riddle persists even if one assumes that his imposing country seat, Karinhall, his estate in Bavaria, his hunting lodge in East Prussia, and his palatial house in Berlin, have all been financed and furnished by the State.

Goering has always been generous—generous in giving and generous in taking. If ever a minister of the corrupt era had been showered with presents as costly as those Goering received on the occasion of his marriage in 1934 to the actress Emmy Sonnemann, the entire world would have shouted "corruption." If high State officials with modest salaries had ever acquired one-tenth of the palatial residences, country estates, and castles that the heads of the Third Reich now possess, they could not have lasted a week. Though free Press and free public opinion no longer exist in Germany, it is generally known among the people that Goering has accepted numberless presents worth millions.

It is known, for instance, that a rifle factory gave him a wedding present of a very costly rifle, and that the Minister-President had his secretary write a letter to the effect that he already had fifty similar rifles, and would much prefer a farm in Mecklenburg of such and such a size and located at such and such a place. The rifle had a value of perhaps 1,000 marks, the farm possibly 60,000 marks.

It is known, moreover, that when an art dealer made him an offer in pictures, Goering replied that "the Lord Minister-President gets the pictures he wants from the stock of the Prussian museums." And it was true.

It is an amazing fact that though there would be penal servitude for similar offences in any other country, in Germany nobody grows really angry at Goering.

People's Instinct

The people's instinct tells them that wealth and display of luxury belong to this man. The people have always liked a display of power and splendour from their potentates, and the princeliness of Goering's manner of living has scarcely been matched by that of any German prince before him. With him, the paradox proves true: "He does not get fat because he is fat." If Nietzsche were still alive, Herman Goering could have served him as the ideal model for his "blond beast."

Five to six hours' sleep is all he needs. In summer and winter he gets up between six and seven o'clock. The bedrooms in all his houses face east. His valet, Robert, cloaks the heroic figure in one of his many bathrobes and takes him to the cold shower. The shower is said to be followed by calisthenics. Meanwhile the first cup of coffee has been put in his dressing-room, always on the same table, and Goering always drinks it standing up.

Then the field marshal, in dressing-gown and slippers—of which two comforts he owns dozens—re-

clines in a deep arm-chair and reads his morning papers. He has a special newspaper service, and gets his news as early as six o'clock in the morning. Occasionally he reads English and Swedish papers.

In the next hour his aide will put before him all the telegrams and reports that have arrived during the night. After that begins the half-hour which he calls one of his most beautiful ones. He reads.

In all his houses he has voluminous libraries, principally works of history or books on art and literature. His pet animal plays at his feet. It is a lion cub, and valet Robert turns on the gramophone—truly a Caesarean idyll. Robert declares with justifiable pride that he knows by instinct which records will be most agreeable to the ear of the master, whether the mood calls for the Merry Widow or for Beethoven's Third Symphony. If the field marshal has a hangover or is otherwise in sombre mood, Robert will play the "Heroic March" from *Gottterdammerung*, for "that always helps."

The Tailor

Between half-past eight and nine the tradesmen are waiting in the ante-room, ready to be called. The tailor at their head. Considering the changing dimensions of the waistline of his client, his task is not always an easy one. The barber, too, has a difficult time: sometimes he has to wait a whole week before he can get at the general's head; Goering takes care of the shaving himself. Other figures in the line of waiting tradesmen are the rifle agent, the art dealer, and a long line of retailers with their collections of samples.

Breakfast at nine lasts exactly ten minutes. At nine-thirty, his dressing finished, Goering's long succession of conferences, receptions, and sessions begins. Before the visitors reach him they must pass through several ante-rooms occupied by the "Chief of the Bureau of Command," Bodenschatz, by the Chief of the Staff Bureau, Gritzbach, and by Goering's personal secretary, Miss Grundtmann, who has been with him for many years.

The visitors are mostly ministers and secretaries of state, diplomats, high officers, lord-presidents and high party officials, but there are also artists and journalists. Military questions alternate with problems of foreign policy. Now the administration of forests is discussed; in the next quarter-hour, the problems of the secret State police.

In considering this rapid change of subjects Goering shows great concentration and much intuition; he is capable of both. After the callers have gone, the secretaries bring folders of papers awaiting signatures, which are quickly dashed off.

Talks With Hitler

Goering takes lunch with Hitler two or three times a week. The two men often stay together for hours—sometimes their discussions last until darkness. When Goering does not lunch with the Fuehrer he usually has guests in his own house. At three-thirty his aide draws his watch and points to it by way of a gentle hint to the visitors to take their leave. Over coffee after the meal an old friend, Secretary of State Koerner, has an opportunity to unburden himself of his problems.

The afternoon is a succession of various meetings: the Cabinet, the Prussian Council of Ministers, the Council for the Four-Year Plan, conferences on economics, meetings with presidents, and private audiences which Goering had not finished in the forenoon.

Dinner seldom takes place before nine-thirty, usually after ten. Goering almost always has dinner guests, though never more than thirty-five at the most. He invites only those he likes. He takes care of the seating arrangement himself.

His parties are liked for their informality and gaiety. The chef of the foremost restaurant of Berlin takes great pains to satisfy all of Goering's demands.

After dinner he often visits the theatre, usually arriving in time for the last act. If he does not go out, he is entertained by moving pictures at home, preferably comedies.



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NETHERLANDS RESIST THE NAZIS

A RECENT ARTICLE mentioned the formation of a new political party in Holland, the "Netherlands Union." Several prominent politicians have signified their willingness to forget their differences of opinion and to cooperate under the leadership of Holland's well known ex-Prime Minister, Dr. Colijn, in order to work together for the common good.

The draft declaration of the party pledged the members' loyalty to the House of Orange and the fixed determination to strive for freedom and independence, but the Germans forbade this, whereupon Dr. Colijn and some other personalities withdrew from the party.

Others, however, continued their efforts to launch the new party, willy-nilly, obeying the German oppressors, as they were of the opinion that some sort of cooperation with the Germans was necessary in order to keep things moving.

Many Hollanders criticised this attitude, but further news from Holland indicates that the Netherlands Union is not a tool of the Nazis, but that the party is determined to follow its own well-defined programme.

A "Dutch" Nazi paper published an interview which one of its reporters had with the secretary of the Netherlands Union.

One of the first questions asked at this interview concerned the standpoint the Union intended to take towards the Jews. The Union leader replied that religious matters did not interest the party, which only distinguished between loyal patriots and traitors.

Former Minister Welcomed

When the Nazi reporter asked which government was acknowledged by the Union, the reply came that the Netherlands government in London was the only government acknowledged, and to his astonishment he was informed that the ministers who had fled from the country would re-occupy their positions after the war as a matter of course.

"But what if Germany wins the war?" "God forbid," was the reply, "there is not a single Netherlander who hopes that will happen, for the consequences would be too horrible to think of."

It is evident that a political party which has the courage to take such a stand, is not lacking in loyalty.

The Germans, however, are flabbergasted and their press has started a bitter campaign against "those incorrigible Dutchmen."

To Hollanders the world over it will be clear that although the new party has been compelled to strike the words "loyalty to the Queen and a desire for freedom and independence" from its manifest, these words are deeply engraved in the hearts of its members, who moreover do not hesitate to demonstrate their feelings.

Jewish Persecution

The persecution of the Jews is getting serious now. All persons of Jewish blood, even if only slightly "contaminated," are ineligible for government positions, especially in the Department of Education.

The Nazi papers have recently clearly defined which educational jobs are barred to Jews and to gentiles married to Jewish wives, it being immaterial whether they or their wives are 100 per cent. Jews or not.

They cannot hold positions as professors, teachers, kindergarten-teachers, school-porters and—who smiles there?—school shoemakers.

Of course terrible things would happen to children wearing shoes repaired by a cobbler whose wife's grandmother may have been a Jewess! All such shoemakers have promptly been discharged.

And Seyss-Inquart, the German governor of Holland, has delicately hinted that he does not want to cram the new ideas down the throats of the Hollanders. No, he does not want to do so—it is a matter of complete indifference to him what the Hollanders think of the new "order," as long as they obey his orders.

NAVY'S FASTEST

As a result of war developments, motor torpedo-boats are now a separate branch of the Royal Navy, with headquarters and training establishment on lines very similar to the submarine service, writes a London naval correspondent.

I have just completed a visit to the base in question, which is under the command of a captain. Though the torpedo boats are commanded by lieutenants or lieutenant-commanders, R.N., and carry R.N. stokers, a large proportion of the personnel is drawn from the R.N.V.R.

Motor mechanics recruited from civil life have had to expand the experience they obtained ashore in workshops and garages to master the intricacies of high-powered engines.

I was fortunate enough to be given a trip to sea in one of the fastest of the motor torpedo-boats attached to this base. Though the sea was not unduly rough I was given an oilskin and sou'wester to wear when we got outside the harbour. They were soon needed, for the spray that is thrown up when a motor torpedo-boat increases speed to 40 knots or over has to be seen (and felt) to be believed.

According to data already published, the latest type of British M.T.B. is capable of speeds considerably above 40 knots. Torpedo tubes, eight guns and a complement of depth charges make up the normal armament. Apparatus for rapidly producing a smoke screen is another valuable feature.

SEE FAMILY IN U.S. FILM

"LITTLE NEVILLE — he smiled at me." These words rang out through the Odeon Cinema, Bristol, as a dark-haired woman half rose from her seat when a news-reel picture of three small children broadcasting from America was flashed on to the screen.

She is Mrs. Frank Whittaker, of Durdham Park, Bristol. With her husband she was "seeing" her three children, Rona, nine, Neville, seven, and Alan, five, for the first time since they and their parents were parted more than two months ago.

Though thousands of miles of land and sea lay between them, Neville smiled from the screen straight at his mother as his squeaky little voice said: "Hullo, Mum, hullo, Dad" into the microphone.

Half in tears, the father and mother, who had talked to their children for a minute and a half on a special radio link-up arranged by the National Broadcasting Corporation of America a few weeks ago, now watched the children, who had been filmed at the microphone in New York during the talk.

Got A New Dress

"Rona's got a new tartan dress," her mother noticed. "I wonder if she has got a bonnet to match. It all right?"

Then, as Rona replied to her questions from England, she added: "She's getting quite American. Look at her saying 'O.K.' and 'sure'."

"Can you snort like a pig, Alan?"

FURNITURE FROM THE QUEEN

Little Mrs. Sarah Russell who was bombed out of her home at Stepney, E., is so excited.

"It's marvellous of the Queen," she kept on saying, as she unpacked her few belongings from a suit case and put them into the drawer of a wardrobe belonging to the Queen which had been sent from Windsor Castle.

Mrs. Russell and hundreds of other mothers and children are billeted in a dance hall near the castle. And the Queen has made comfortable three of the halls with 160 pieces of furniture from the castle.

There is another reason why Mrs. Russell and her companions are excited. They have heard that some of the bombed East End mothers may go to the castle for tea.

"The Queen's help has been very great," Mr. Norman C. Butler, the mayor, said. "We had 500 evacuees here from the East End, mostly women and children, and it was impossible to find billets for all of them. Our problem was solved when the Queen offered furniture."

While Mr. Butler talked, Mrs. Russell's two youngest children jumped round full of questions.

"Mum did this chest of drawers really come from the castle?" And "Can we really use the Queen's furniture to keep our things in?"

Mrs. Russell said that her husband is in the A.F.S. "He is still at his post and is happy now that he knows I and the children are being cared for. He has been helping fight the dock fires, and he was machine-gunned by the Germans once as he worked."

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the father asked his youngest son over the mike. And the screen baby Alan snorted until he nearly burst.

"They look awfully cheerful and bonny," Mrs. Whittaker said afterwards, "but they wrote and told us that after the broadcast little Alan burst into tears."

"They tried to comfort him, but one man," said, "Let him alone, his crying will help the British cause no end. It will hurt Hitler as much as an army." Mr. Whittaker said: "We had only a minute and a half to speak with all three."

"I am a little worried that I asked young Alan to snort—a trick he has always played on us at home—because I am afraid now they will call him the snorter at his new school." Mr. Whittaker, who is secretary of an insurance company, served in the R.F.C. in the last war. So much do he and his wife miss their children that they are thinking of "adopting" some evacuees until the end of the war.

R.A.F. HAS CARD INDEX OF ENEMY DEFENCES

THE TELEPHONE rings on the anti-aircraft liaison officer's desk. "Intelligence here. We're bombing Adolphshaven to-night." "Right. I'll let you know in five minutes the latest stuff I have."

The officer walks to a map on the wall and quickly lays off the course between the bomber station and the objective, notes the names of places on the route, and then gets busy with a filing cabinet on his desk.

He is in the uniform of a major of artillery. Usually he is himself an anti-aircraft gunner of long experience, and the wings on his khaki tunic show that he has seen service with the R.A.F. or the R.F.C., writes a London air correspondent.

His job is to have available for the Intelligence Department of the Bomber Group all possible information about the enemy's ground defences.

He is frequently able to suggest ways of avoiding A.A. fire. The officer obtains his information from a variety of sources, but mainly from the reports made by air crews.

They Note Flak

Occasionally, he attends the questioning of the crews, but mostly he studies their reports. Here and there he picks out a sentence.

"Intense flak (A.A. fire) encountered from a gun on the mole at Quelqueville."

"Searchlights, 12 to 15 in number, at 51 20 N., 05 30 W.; 25-30 balloons between 4,000ft. and 6,000ft. around Hermannsdorf."

All this information is carefully extracted and transferred to the cards in the filing cabinet. Additional information is often supplied from photographs.

Before calling back the station which has asked for information, the flak officer rings Bomber Command to see whether any further information has come in.

He is then able to give out all that is known about guns, searchlights and balloons between the R.A.F. base and the night's target.

The flak officer is continually on the look-out for evidence of new types of enemy guns, or projectiles. When a bomber returns with damaged wings or fuselage, he studies the holed fabric or metal to find out what type of gun was used.

Splinters of shells become treasured possessions.

First Shot Best

He is able to pass on to new crews the experience gained by the old hands. He will tell them not to judge the accuracy of an anti-aircraft gun battery by the first salvo, for the first shot is generally the best.

He advises them about "jinking" and "snaking" — terms used to describe the up-and-down and side-to-side movements employed to escape bursts of fire from the German guns, which throw shells up to 25,000ft.

The flak officer has cheering news about the decreasing efficiency of German anti-aircraft fire. As the Germans overran Europe, so the area they had to defend increased enormously, reducing the intensity of fire at home bases.

There is also evidence that the ranks of the gunners are being swelled with hastily-trained, inexperienced men.

SON OF A DEAD HERO

A Narvik hero's wife has given birth to a son seven months after her husband's death.

She is Mrs. Geraldine Cross, wife of Lieutenant C. P. W. Cross, radio officer in H.M.S. Hardy who was killed when the British destroyer led the world-famous attack on German warships in Narvik Fjord last April.

He died at the side of his commander, Captain Warburton-Lee, who himself died of wounds.

"She is delighted that it's a boy," her father, Major Denis Burke, told a reporter.

Mr. Cross already has a little boy, Denis Charles, who is two and a half years old.

CYCLE FOR BOY FRIEND

A boy who for the last six years has never missed one day in calling on a lonely crippled old bachelor has been remembered in the old man's will.

He has been left a sum, not exceeding £10, for what he has always wanted—a bicycle.

The bequest is made in the £4,431 will of Mr. George Frederick Jenneh Rosenberg, of St. Ives, Cornwall, formerly a master at King's School, Canterbury.

Beneficiary is David Vaughan Parker, fifteen-year-old son of Lieutenant and Mrs. Albert John Parker, of Trenwith Bridge, St. Ives.

Mr. Rosenberg, who died last July, at the age of seventy, was crippled with rheumatism and unable to get about.

Mr. Rosenberg loved children, especially boys, and always remembered David and his brothers and sisters at Christmas time.

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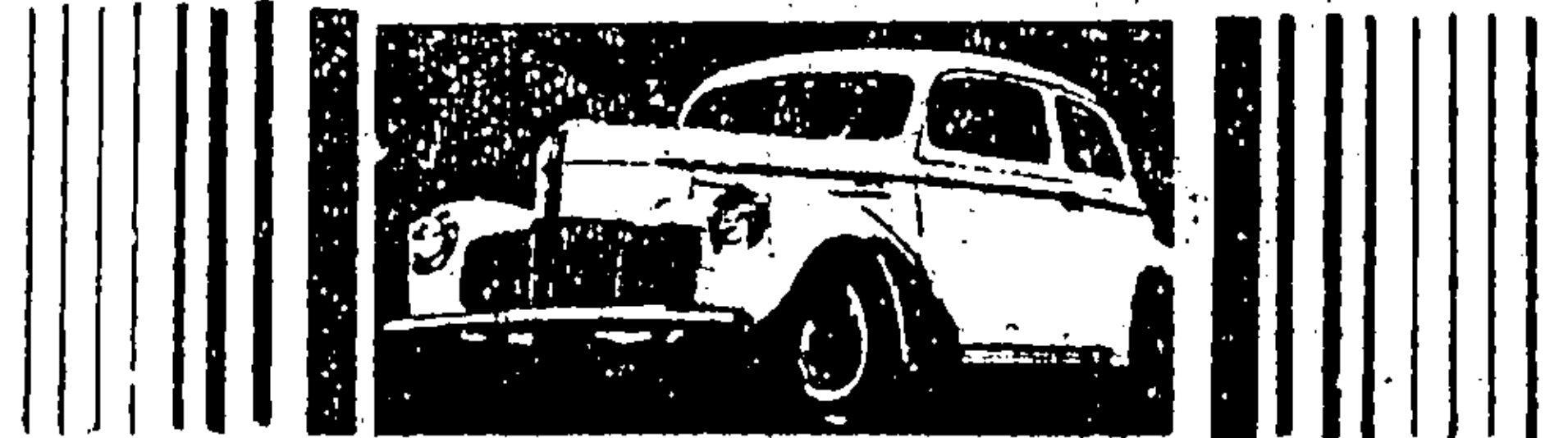
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CRIME DOESN'T PAY! NO. 25

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♥ A 6 3
♦ J 7 6 4
♣ 8 3

♠ 5 4 3
♥ 10 7 4
♦ K Q
♣ K 10 7 6

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♠ A J 9 7
♥ 9 2
♦ 10 9 8 3
♣ 2

♠ K Q
♥ K Q J 8 6
♦ A 5
♣ A Q J 4

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the diamond King, South winning with the Ace. Declarer returned his low diamond, West taking the diamond Queen and returning a spade. East took the spade Ace and shot back the ten of diamonds. South discarded the low club, and West, of course ruffed. Later on South had to lose a club, thus going down one trick.

Obviously, South is the criminal, but was his crime? Decide for yourself before going on.

Probably South's chief crime was in choosing a bad line of play to begin with. He could have made his contract by banging down the Ace and Queen of clubs at once. West would take the club King, but South could ruff the low club with dummy's trump Ace and draw trumps before cashing the club Jack and forcing out the spade Ace. Another method was to cash the King and Queen of hearts at the second and third tricks; then lead the diamond. If East got in with the spade Ace to return a diamond, South would ruff with the Jack, lead a trump to dummy's Ace and discard the low club on the Jack of diamonds.

But even South's actual line of play, although inferior, was feasible until he let West ruff the third round of diamonds. South should have put up the King of trumps, cashed the Queen, Jack, and Ace of trumps, and taken a discard in safety on dummy's Jack of diamonds.

* * *

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A J
♥ J 10 7
♦ K 10 9 7 4
♣ A K J

The bidding:

Maier	Jacoby	You	Burnstone
1♥	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid three diamonds. The hand is, if anything, a trifle "light" for this very strong bid; but the high-card strength and profusion of Jacks and tens warrant energetic action.

Score 100% for three diamonds, 80% for two diamonds, 40% for two no-trump, 30% for three no-trump.

Question No. 609

To-day you are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with neither side vulnerable and a 60-point part-score for the opponents, you hold:

♠ 8
♥ K J 7 5
♦ K J 8 4
♣ K Q 9 3

The bidding:

Schenken	You	Jacoby	Burnstone
1♠	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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R.A.F. AND NAVY TRAIN TOGETHER

In a certain wooded part of England strangers have been surprised to meet lots of Naval ratings strolling down country lanes, and doing their shopping in sleepy country villages.

They have noticed that R.A.F. too, in the same lanes, and the same villages, though that arouses no surprise—for the R.A.F. is everywhere. But the Navy!

The explanation is simple. These are Naval trainees and ratings, who are being trained for service in the Fleet Air Arm at some of the R.A.F.'s largest training establishments.

Up to a few years ago the Royal Air Force supplied the trained personnel to serve in aircraft carriers; then it was decided to substitute Naval control and Naval personnel. Certain training facilities of the R.A.F. were offered to the Admiralty; and the country-side, which had grown familiar with the light blue of the R.A.F. soon accustomed itself to the dark blue of the Navy.

To-day the Naval trainee is accepted as part of the established system. No present-day airman can remember the time when there were no Naval ratings on the station. They are trained together on the same bench in the same workshops, taught together in the same school, and play games together on the sports grounds.

Only in barracks and on the parade ground is the distinction made between R.A.F. and R.N. The barracks blocks are "divisions" to the Navy, the flights are "decks", the rooms are "messes", and a visit to the nearest village is "going ashore".

Between the two Services there is a healthy rivalry. On the sports field, in school and in workshop, the "tiffes" have proved more than capable of holding their own. No airman will deny that they are "pretty good types"—though definitely queer and different, with their own salty way of doing this and saying that. The Naval ratings will admit that the R.A.F. "blokes" are not too bad, but would be improved by a period in a Service with a tradition!

Actually both Services gain by this mutual training. The Naval rating gets the benefit of years of

The majority of Jews who have settled in Palestine in recent years are wholeheartedly behind Britain in her struggle against Nazi tyranny and brutality. Their young men are demonstrating their feelings by the way in which they are flocking to our help.

Many of them have joined the Royal Air Force in the Middle East. They are a keen set of fellows of good physique and extremely eager to get going with the units of the R.A.F. to which they have been posted. Some will serve in the Western Desert, and others will go to various units of the Middle East Command. They are at present undergoing training. Many are intended for the technical branches of the Service.

These Palestinians, as they are officially known, hail from Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa and other parts of the Jewish settlements, and, gradually, in small parties, they are being spread over the Middle East Command.

Most of the men, who range from 17 to 45 years of age, settled in Palestine after experience, either personally or through their parents, of conditions in Nazi Germany or Austria. Not many of them speak English, but one, a Corporal, whose parents fled from Russia in 1919 and who lived in France for 15 years before his family moved to Palestine, is a master of Russian, Polish, French and Hebrew and he is making good progress with his English. He served with the French Foreign Legion for nine months in Syria.

Asked why he and his fellows were so eager to serve in the R.A.F. he replied: "All Jews in Palestine want to fight for England because it is the experience of the Jewish people that they have been happy under the democracy which England is defending. All our people in Palestine are very strong in their support of England, and they want to help beat the tyranny of the Nazis even if they have to sacrifice their lives. After all, is life so very important with so much at stake?"

experiment and experience in training in Service trades, while the airman sees the Navy at work and has to compete with it—and the Navy at work is always a formidable proposition.

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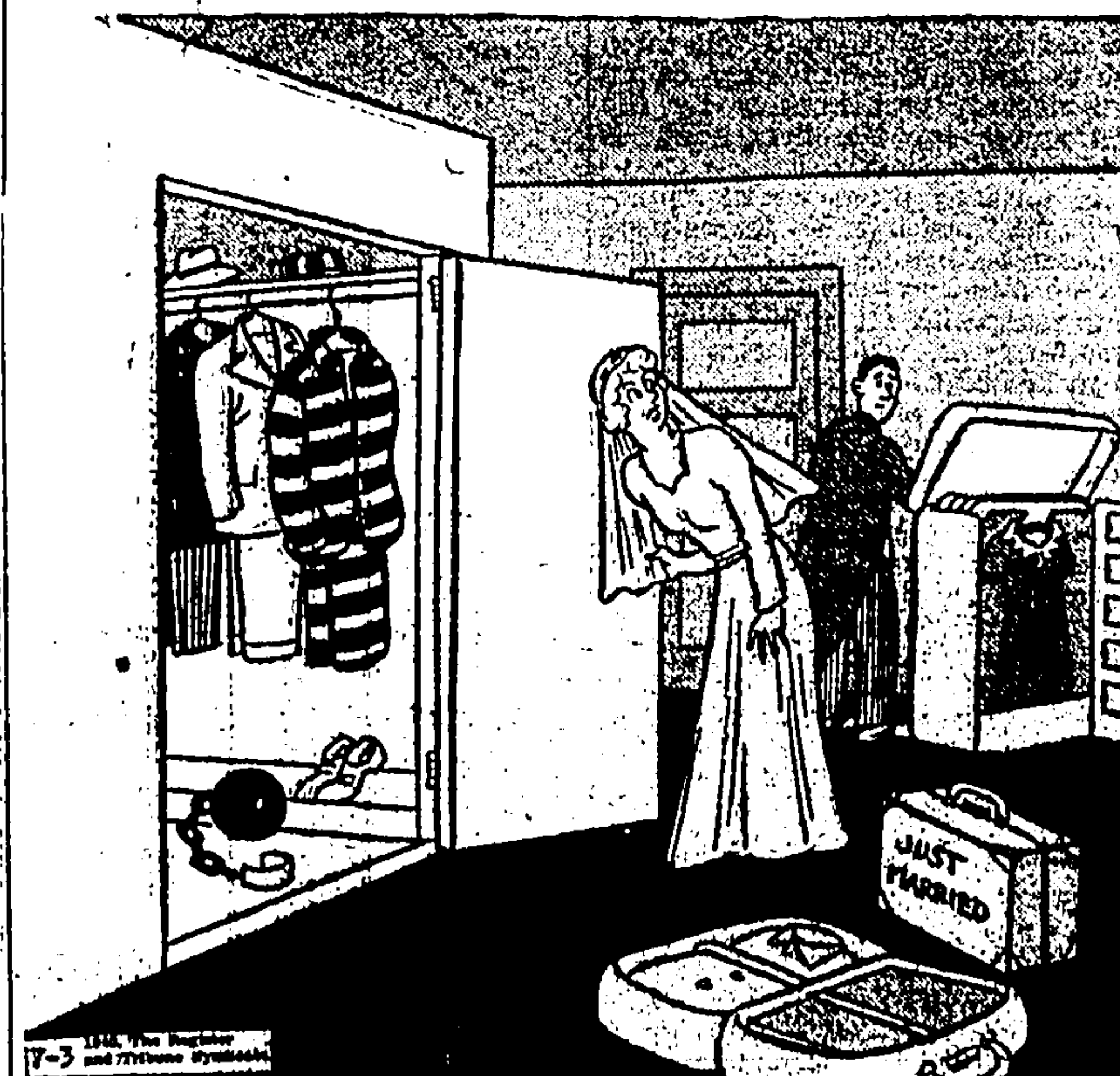
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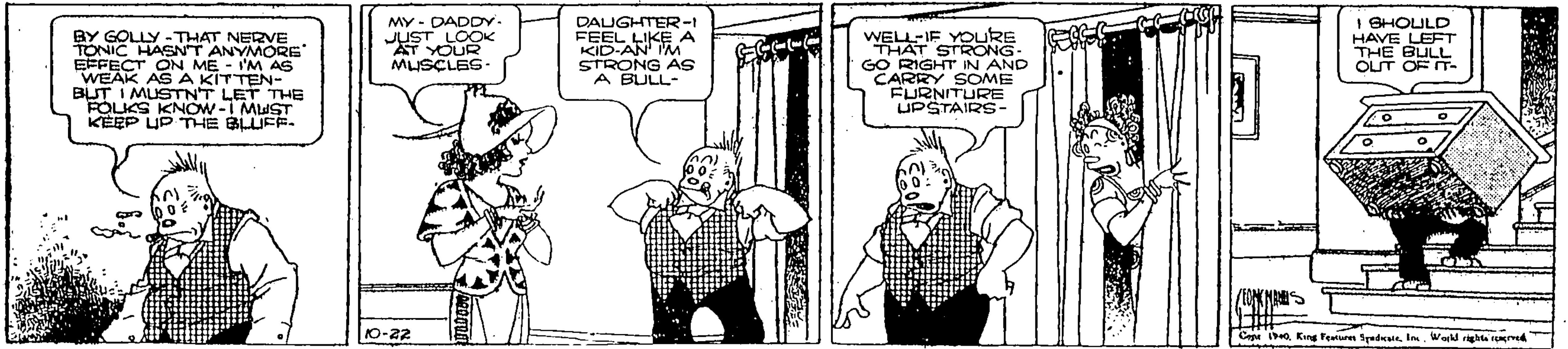
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Teaching A Toddler

Mothers often put this question to me: "As Tommy is now thirteen months old, and as he is a big, hefty baby, should he not be encouraged to walk?"

Well, that's a difficult question to answer, because there are so many possibilities.

I am always trying to preach the gospel of "Don't worry," especially to the younger mothers among my readers.

Think for a moment. How can you compare Mary A., who was a premature baby, difficult to feed,

By Dr. Avon

rather timid and fretful, with Willie B., who comes of a robust stock and who has never given his mother a single day's anxiety?

It just can't be done. To every child there is an index, and this is arrived at after taking into account matters of sex, build, age, temperament, and reaction to ordinary conditions of life.

With regard particularly to the movement of the baby, it is known that on the average the infant begins to crawl at about eight months.

But because a baby crawls until he or she is, say, fourteen months, there is no indication that anything is wrong.

Some babies do not crawl at all, and take to their feet in the early part of their second year, after a few preliminary trials.

Others, again, go on crawling and will not respond to the par-



Thoughtful Tom says since there is so much irony in life he doesn't understand why more people don't get rusty.

ental encouragement to risk walking to a table three yards off to get a reward of much-appreciated chocolate.

There is nothing in such cases to show the slightest evidence of disease or abnormality.

One very vital point to bear in mind is that a baby does not normally try to crawl in any way between the ages of six and eight months, and the crawl of eight months is on all fours and quite different from that of the earlier stages.

I advise mothers to encourage, but not to force in matters of crawling and walking; leave the decision to the child. He is bound to decide when the appropriate moment has arrived at which he can stand upright and move on his two legs.

Should I . . .

Q. Should I lend to somebody else a book that has been lent to me?

A. No. The book or other object has been lent to you by the owner because he has formed a good opinion of your sense of responsibility. It is a denial of that sense of responsibility to lend it again to another. If you are anxious to lend the book or other object to a friend the owner's permission should first be sought. Remember it is not yours to dispose of in any way.



Q. When I have been invited out to tea or to some other meal at a private house am I justified in bringing with me someone who wishes to meet my host or hostess?

A. No. The invitation has been extended only to those persons specifically named. It is an infringement of hospitality to bring a stranger with you. Even to bring a mutual friend, your children or some relative unless they have been specially mentioned, is incorrect when visiting on an invitation.

Should there be some person or persons however who wish to meet your host and hostess socially for the first time on this occasion you should either communicate with your hostess in time and ask her permission to bring the additional person or persons or else pay a formal call with the strangers on another occasion.



Q. How long should one stay when paying a social visit in the afternoon?

A. A delicate sense of time is a very important social asset. As someone has said a good rule to go by is to aim at being regretted for going rather than to be regretted for staying. To out-stay one's welcome is to run the risk of being called a bore. There are some people who can never tear themselves away from wherever they find themselves and stay on to the "bitter end." Another rule to remember is that visitors "arriving excite and departing relieve."

Do not be so insensitive as to rush away when the conversation is at its keenest or break up a party that is in full swing unless you have urgent reasons for doing so (and then do so as unobtrusively as possible); on the other hand to not stay anywhere a minute after the fun or the conversation have begun to drag—you will take your leave gracefully before this point has been reached if you will be a social success. Actually, no definite rule can be laid down regarding when one should take one's leave on a social occasion; a kind of sixth sense is required in order to time oneself perfectly. To go too soon can be as ill-mannered as going too late.

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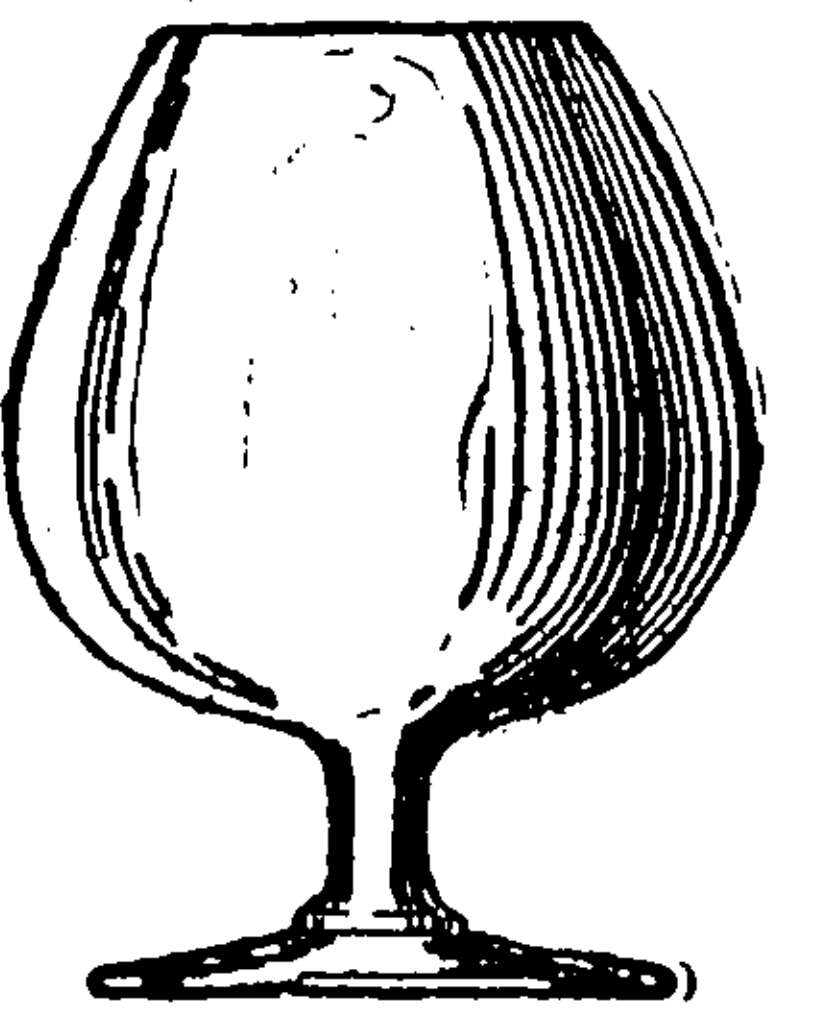
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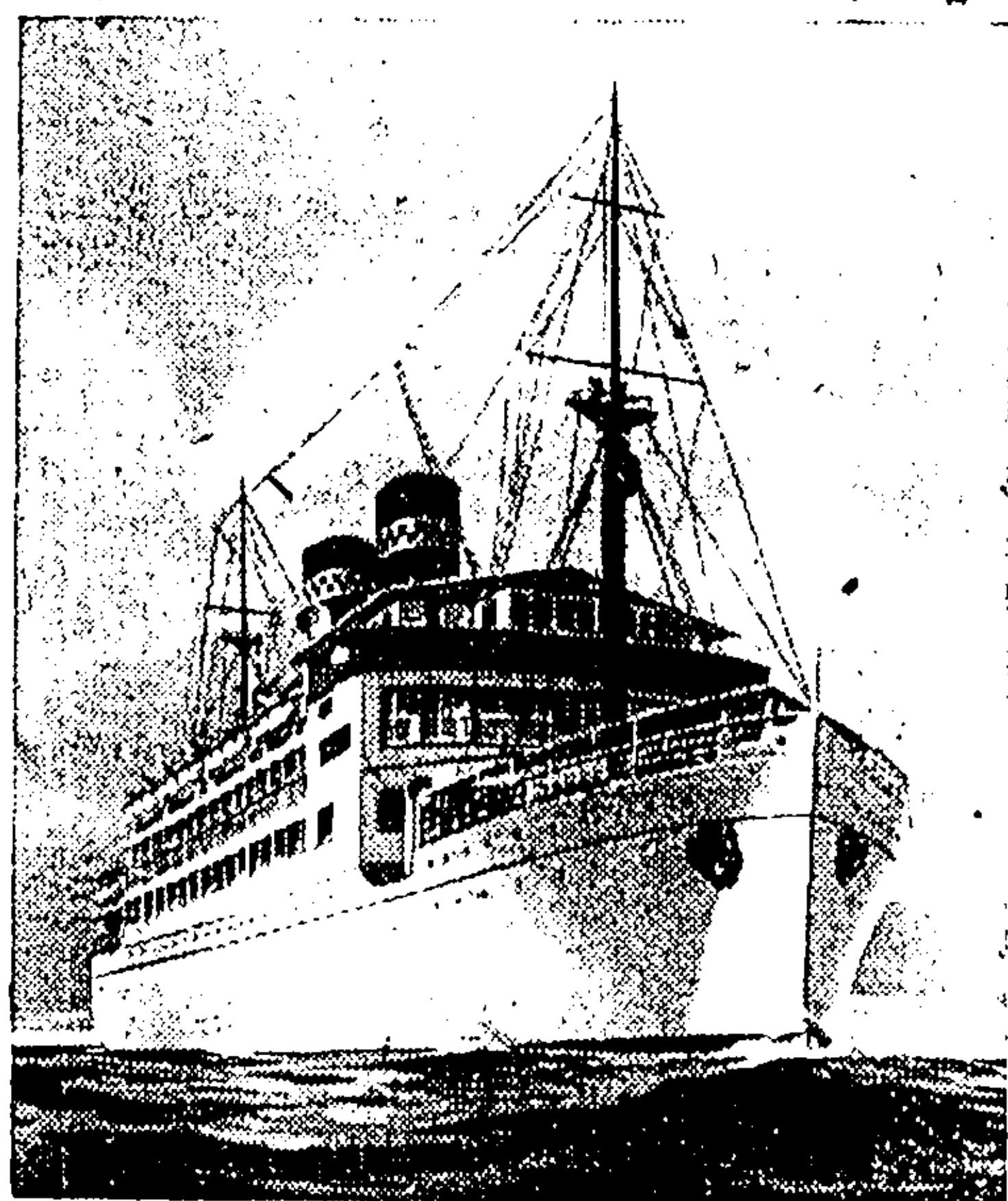
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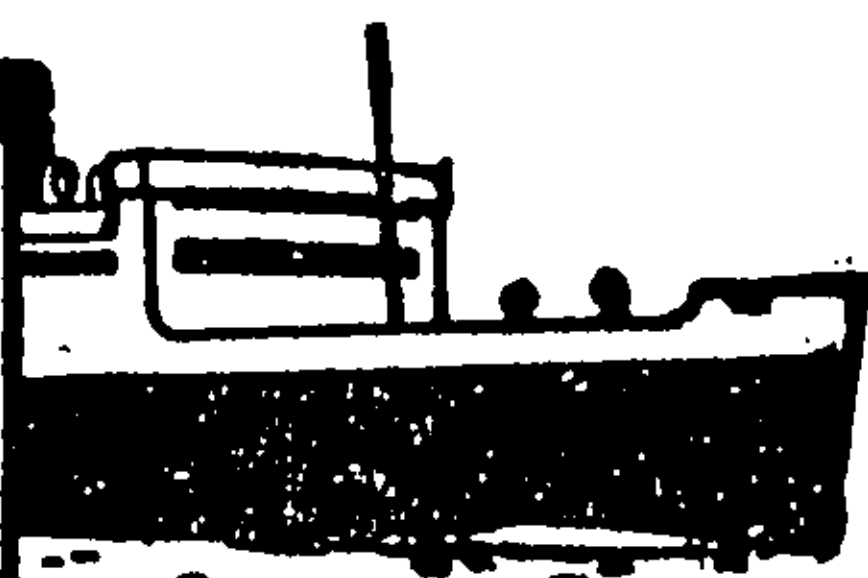
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1.45 p.m.—Compositions of Lehar.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

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7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

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7.30 p.m.—Lina Pagliughi (Soprano) and Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

8.03 p.m.—Songs by Charles Kullman (Tenor).

8.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.

8.30 p.m.—Concert Waltzes and Tangos.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 p.m.—Ravel—Introduction and Allegro for Harp with Strings and Woodwind Accompaniment. Virtuoso String Quartet with J. Cockerill, R. Murchie and C. Draper.

9.40 p.m.—Eileen Joyce (Piano) and Nathan Milstein (Violin).

10.04 p.m.—George Thill (Tenor) and Orchestra Symphonique de Paris.

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Few Cricket Matches Played On Saturday Civil Service Miss Their Chance

K.C.C. Create A Good Impression

By "Adrem"

AS THERE WERE NO CAMPS OR OTHER MILITARY EXERCISES THAT I AM AWARE OF, IT IS RATHER UNUSUAL THAT SO FEW CRICKET MATCHES WERE PLAYED OVER THE WEEK-END.

In addition to the three Junior League games there were only three other fixtures. The University match with I.R.C., was, of course, called off early in the week owing to the fact that the University cricket authorities were desirous of playing off the inter-faculty championship final in time for the presentation of trophies on Sunday.

League matches, in contrast to recent batches of friendly games, were not productive of high scoring and all three had been decided long before time for drawing stumps, which, incidentally is now 6 p.m. still, I think, a little late for this time of the year.

Civil Service almost covered themselves with glory when they dismissed Recreio for a miserable 66 but the splendid bowling of Stone, Smith and Ainslie, that youthful trio of former C.B.S. boys, was wasted as Civil Service in their turn to bat, could only muster 40.

Dreadful Wicket

I am told that the Civil Service wicket was dreadful and that probably had as much as anything to do with the poor scores put together by both sides, but nevertheless Stone's feat of taking 5 for 30, including a hat-trick, is deserving of the highest credit. Soares alone was able to offer anything like a front with the bat and if it had not been for this 31 I shudder to think what the Recreio total would have been.

The Civil Service innings was just one long procession, Silva and Remedios having matters all their own way. Watson, however, made a great effort, to score almost half the Civil Service runs. I was told by a member of the Recreio side that Hollidge was shaping very well and it is practically certain that the runs would have been knocked off easily had he not been caught by Carvalho off Remedios.

P. M. N. da Silva, who, after several seasons in the Recreio senior team during which he has had little to do, is now having the time of his life in junior cricket and, besides taking wickets consistently, rarely fails with the bat.

Value Of E. A. Lee

Features of the match between Police and Craigenpower were the fine bowling of A. M. Omar and a splendid innings by E. A. Lee. The latter is a really good bat and I don't think he has ever played junior cricket hitherto. If he stays with the second team—and I notice he is down to play for them against I.R.C. on Saturday—Craigenpower's chances of winning the Junior League should be very rosy as he should provide just that stiffening to the batting that is all that is required to make this team a particularly well-balanced one.

With Carey and Danbrowsky the only members of the Police team to stand up to some steady bowling by the Omar brother—U.M. I am pleased to see is rallying to the support of his brother, who is leading the side this season—and Esmail, the Champions were only able to muster 75.

Craigenpower had little difficulty in knocking these off, Lee staying in until the task was accomplished and Lam retiring after making 23.

Good Start For K.C.C.

Kowloon Cricket Club, who are favoured by many for the championship, certainly got away to a good start on Saturday, beating their old rivals, Indian Recreation Club, by five wickets.

Baldwin, who I would still like to see in senior cricket, and Baxter were chiefly responsible for I.R.C. being dismissed for 88, A. R.

Suffiad and M. R. Abbas being the most successful I.R.C. batsmen, and then Baxter proceeded to bat right through the K.C.C. innings to play a big part in the Kowloon club's success. Goodban also came off with a bright 24 thus returning to form after a long run of failures.

K.C.C. have a varied attack and are fairly good in the field. With Baxter in such fine form and Madar and Rapley potential run-getters this team will take an awful lot of beating.

ON "FAST" BOWLING!

By "Adrem"

Of the three friendly cricket matches played on Saturday most interesting was the K.C.C. — Recreio fixture at Cox's Road which nearly saw the downfall of the hitherto unbeatable Champions side.

I do not propose to add to the report I had in the "Sunday Herald" but I feel that in order to "maintain a sense of proportion" I should reply to certain lengthy criticisms levelled by a contemporary at my usage of the word "fast" when referring to certain members of the K.C.C. attack. I entirely agree with my critic that there are no fast bowlers in the Colony, so possibly the substitution of the word "faster" would have been more correct, but I fail to see why anybody should go to such lengths and wax so indignant over a trivial matter like this. My cricket reports are written for the benefit of local readers, who, like the critic in question, know there are no "fast" bowlers in the Colony, and, being blessed with a certain amount of intelligence, realise that I am referring to Zimmermann and Lee when I use the word in a comparative sense.

Griffiths And Zimmermann Bat Well

Weakish teams from Club and Craigenpower were in action at Chater Road, the former team winning by three wickets. Bowlers on both sides did pretty well, Perry, McLellan, Hulse and Ismail all returning fairly good analyses but only Ernie Zimmermann, for Craigenpower, and Griffiths, for Club, came off with the bat.

Griffiths, who has had a return of all his old keenness, is probably batting better at the moment than he has done since his arrival in the Colony, but Ernie Zimmermann, prior to this match, had hardly scored a run. As he also topped the 60 mark on Sunday, for the Past against the present students of the University, he appears to have run into his true form which makes him one of the most difficult men in the Colony to dislodge.

The inter-faculty championship final played at Pokfulam, resulted in a win for the Medicals over Arts and Science by the large margin of nine wickets.

Batting first, Arts and Science were unable to cope with the deadly bowling of Gegg and Mahmood and were all out for 73; Mazuza being the only member of the team to offer any resistance with a useful 24. Gegg was unplayable later on and took three wickets in his last over for no



A good action study of F. R. Zimmermann, the Kowloon Cricket Club opening bowler.

SATURDAY'S BOWLS

The following have been provisionally selected to play in the intra-Northumberland and Durham Association bowls match to be held on Saturday, at Kowloon Dock Recreation Club:—

W. Greig, S. Hodge, Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith and J. Wood, J. Fraser, N. Hardie, Dean Wilson and J. Radford, T. W. Carr, M. E. Purvis, E. L. Starling and E. Cermenic, J. MacGowan, T. E. Pearce, D. Kossick and J. S. R. Humble, C. Gowland, J. Hempsey, A. D. Spoor and T. Waller, T. Coleman, I. Houston, W. G. Coates and G. Anderson, W. Hudson, W. McMaster, A. Tate and J. McPherson, G. Henderson, W. Morrison, G. Bertram and W. Revie.

Arrangements have been made to include all Members who attend and desire to play.

The match will commence at 2.30 p.m. and a supper and concert will follow, commencing at 8.00 p.m.

K.C.C. CRICKET SELECTIONS

The following will represent the K.C.C. in their League cricket matches on Saturday.

First Eleven, versus Craigenpower, away:—E. C. Fincher, N. D. Lloyd, D. J. N. Anderson, R. E. Lee, D. Hung, A. Zimmermann, F. J. Lay, N. A. E. Mackay, E. F. Fincher, F. R. Zimmermann and R. T. Broadbridge. Umpire:—J. P. Robinson; scorer, R. Leigh.

Second Eleven, versus Hong Kong University, home:—S. A. Gray, R. Baldwin, E. Curtis, W. L. Rapley, T. A. Madar, K. M. Baxter, H. Brokenshire, F. Goodwin, Major W. W. Parsons, R. J. Fenton, and J. R. Luke. 12th man, G. W. Giffen.

Sunday's Match

A Volunteer eleven will meet a K.C.C. team in an all-day friendly match at K.C.C. on Sunday, starting at 11.30. The following teams have been chosen.

Volunteers:—L. T. Ride, K. J. Attwell, K. M. Baxter, D. G. Day, W. S. Gegg, L. G. Gosano, R. H. Griffiths, T. Lock, T. A. Madar, A. E. Perry and E. Zimmermann. Scorer, C. E. Gahagan.

K.C.C.:—E. C. Fincher, N. D. Lloyd, D. J. N. Anderson, E. F. Fincher, D. Hung, A. Zimmermann, F. R. Zimmermann, N. A. E. Mackay, W. L. Rapley, S. A. Gray, and E. Curtis.

Runs. Medicals lost 0-early but Fenton, who hit hard for 68, and Ooi, then knocked off the required runs without further loss. Fenton went on to score 68, while Ooi made 30. Gegg followed up his bowling with a bright innings of 24. Having regard to Medicals' big score Mazuza and Cheung did well to take 3 for 20 and 4 for 34 respectively.

BADMINTON

KING'S SURPRISE CHUNG WAH

By "Adrem"

KING'S COLLEGE caused a big surprise in Junior Division of the Badminton League last night when they beat Chung Wah, hitherto highly fancied for the title, by the odd game in nine and thus established themselves as strong contenders for the championship.

King's actually won the match in the eighth game of the evening, when S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung won their game to make the score in favour of King's 5-3.

Chung Wah got away to a flying start. Choy and Chiu lost their first game, but Lee and W. H. Choy beat Lam and Lo and Chiu and Liang beat Woo and Liu to give them a 2-1 lead. This was increased in the next round when Lam and Lo again lost.

Thereafter, however, there was no stopping the home team, who rattled off the next four games for match.

"Lot Of Grumbling"

Although the season has now been in progress for some little time, various members of both sides showed signs of lack of practice. H. T. Woo was playing in his first game this year and it took him the best part of his opening game, which was lost, to settle down, while Choy Wing-chiu, who normally should be one of the best Chung Wah players, was making his first appearance on a badminton court for over 12 months.

Chan and Chung were in excellent form for King's and it was mainly due to their consistency that the College won. Chan provided the speed and subtlety, while Chung played a dashing brand of badminton that had his opponents considerably worried.

While Wood was finding his touch, a good deal of responsibility was thrown on Liu, and right well did he acquit himself. He covered court amazingly well and produced all the shots in the book in the course of the evening.

Lam and Lo did not meet with much success but that will not surprise when it is learned that Lo was suffering from a twisted leg and was only playing because there was not another player to call on, Attwell being engaged on Volunteer exercises.

C. A. Chiu and S. C. Liang were the best visiting pair and did very well to win two games. Most exciting game of the evening saw Lam and Lo carry Choy and Chiu the whole distance before losing. Well down, the King's pair drew up to 1-all and "settled" only to fade out of the picture and lose the next five aces in a row.

At Bonham Road, King's College beat Chung Wah by 5 games to 4.

S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung (King's) beat W. C. Choy and K. F. Chiu 21-13
beat F. S. Lee and W. H. Choy 21-8
beat C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang 21-11
H. T. Woo and K. L. Liu (King's) beat Choy and Chiu 21-9
beat Lee and Choy 21-16
lost to Chiu and Liang 5-21
P. Lam and K. H. Lo (King's) lost to Choy and Chiu 19-24
lost to Lee and Choy 11-21
lost to Chiu and Liang 17-21

Police v K. Tong

Police lost to Kowloon Tong by 3 sets to 6.
W. Gillies and L. Gordon (Police) beat Peter Lo and J. Tsang 21-8
beat R. E. Lee and K. M. Lee 21-14
beat S. C. Chan and Lee Po 21-13
J. MacDonald and H. Dingdale (Police) lost to Lo and Tsang 4-21
lost to Lee and Lee 13-21
lost to Chan and Lee 8-21
R. Hogarth and J. Shepherd (Police) lost to Lo and Tsang 4-21
lost to Lee and Lee 10-21
lost to Chan and Lee 6-21

St. John's v St. Andrew's

St. John's defeated St. Andrew's by 7 sets to 2.

LEAGUE TABLE

	Games	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
K.C.C.	2	2	0	13	5	4	
King's College	3	3	0	21	6	6	
Chung Wah	2	1	1	11	7	2	
Recreio	2	1	1	10	8	2	
St. John's	2	2	0	15	3	4	
Kowloon Tong	3	2	1	15	12	4	
Police	3	0	3	6	21	0	
St. Andrew's	2	0	2	5	13	0	
V.R.C.	1	0	1	1	8	0	

D. Kwok and E. Kennard (St. John's) lost to E. F. Fincher and H. Kew 15-21
beat M. Davies and M. Merrett 21-15
beat E. H. White and J. Tomlinson 21-4
N. Smith and P. Wilson (St. John's) beat Fincher and Kew 21-15
beat Davies and Merrett 21-6
beat White and Tomlinson 24-22
R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd (St. John's) lost to Fincher and Kew 13-21
beat Davies and Merrett 21-11
beat White and Tomlinson 21-5

Recreio v J.R.C.

Recreio beat Jewish R.C. by 8 sets to 1.
C. C. Pereira and A. R. Alves (Recreio) beat B. Dotkin and J. Odell 21-7
beat M. Talan and A. L. Poliak 21-16
beat A. Odell and S. Ramler 21-14
P. A. Yvanovich and P. P. Botelho (Recreio) beat Dotkin and Odell 21-15
beat Talan and Poliak 21-15
beat Odell and Ramler 21-9
A. E. Xavier and A. E. Noronha (Recreio) lost to Dotkin and Odell 7-21
beat Talan and Poliak 21-14
beat Odell and Ramler 21-9

ARMY FULL-BACK OF FUTURE?

By "Scrum-Half"

COMBINED SMALL UNITS, THOUGH NOT AT FULL STRENGTH, GAVE A VERY PROMISING DISPLAY WHEN THEY BEAT CLUB "A" IN THEIR RUGBY MATCH AT THE VALLEY YESTERDAY BY TWO GOALS AND TWO PENALTY GOALS (16 PTS.) TO A GOAL AND A TRY (8 PTS.) AFTER BEING 5-3 AHEAD AT THE INTERVAL.

Features of an open and fast game were Hamblin's faultless exhibition at "full-back"—Army selectors could not possibly have seen him play—and the goal-kicking of Coombes, who kicked all the soldiers' goals.

Small Units, who are likely to make their presence felt in Army Rugby this season, have several inexperienced players in their ranks, but all fifteen played with rare keenness, and the result was that a useful looking Club pack were outplayed in the loose and almost pushed off their feet in the tight scrums during the latter part of the second half. Their forwards must, however, learn to keep the ball at their feet until such time as it bounces up into their hands. Yesterday two tries were thrown away following attempts by forwards to pick up the ball on the run.

Lithauer is a promising three-quarter, knowing the quickest way to the line and tackling hard.

Two Great Tackles

Coombes did not exert himself unduly, but two dazzling runs were brought to a swift conclusion. (Continued on Page 15)

COMBINED S. CHINA--EASTERN SOCCER TEAM FOR AUSTRALIA?

Chinese Meet Army In Lai Wah Cup

Applications of South China, Eastern and Sing Tao for permission to tour Australia during the close season, occupied the attentions of the Council of the Hong Kong Football Association at their monthly meeting held last night.

Eastern and South China under on this point and that on a report a joint letter applied for permis- from a referee the matter would sion saying that it was hoped that be taken up.

Permission was given to the applicants.

Sing Tao also applied for per- mission to visit Manila during March. They had already made arrangements to have their two League games during that period played before they leave so that they would in no way cause any inconvenience to the fixtures.

Permission was granted for the period asked on the understanding that they would be back for the Shield games.

Eastern For Manila

Eastern applied for permission to visit Manila in April. It was pointed out that though it was hoped that the League would be completed by then, Eastern might be interested in the Shield Competitions, the Semi-Final and Finals of which will be played during that period.

Permission was granted to Eastern only on the condition that they have no commitments with the Association as far as games are concerned during that period.

The draw for the Lai Wah Cup Competition resulted as follows:

Chinese v Army
Navy v Civilians

It was decided that the first game be played at Causeway Bay on Monday January 27 and the second game at Kowloon Football Club on Sunday January 28.

It was also decided that there was to be no increase of prices but that the entertainment tax would be added to the price.

It was also decided that members of the Council would be written to asking if they intend attending the game and on a reply being received in the affirmative seats would be reserved for them.

In order to accommodate the maximum in the covered stand it was also decided that seats in the covered stands should be open to the public for booking.

On Junior Linesmen

Mr. Guingam stated there had been complaints from Referees about junior teams not supplying linesmen for the matches. Mr. Lee said that the rules clearly stated that Clubs were to supply efficient linesmen.

It was agreed to write to Clubs

BURTON'S CHARITY EFFORTS

OPEN CHAMPION DICK BURTON IS SECOND ONLY TO COTTON IN THE NUMBER OF MATCHES HE HAS PLAYED FOR CHARITY.

And this is not the only reason why when the Frankenstein of Berchtesgaden has been hurled to his inevitable doom, most golfers will be hoping to see Lancashire's Richard of the lion-heart repeat his St. Andrew's triumph, writes L. V. Manning.

War robbed him of practically all the profits which should follow in the wake of winning the Open. Walter Hagen always said the title was worth 50,000 dollars, and so it was to him.

Burton put it a bit lower than that, but he must have cleaned up round about £5,000. It certainly would have meant a great deal to him to play No. 1 in the Ryder Cup match in America as Open champion.

Only he could tell you what a bitter disappointment that cancellation was, but he generously went on giving lessons at his club at Sale at 2s. 6d. a time when he could easily have trebled his charge.

FALSTAFFIAN LINESMAN

Galloping along one of the touch-lines in a recent London football match for the first half-hour was a Falstaffian linesman in a lounge suit.

The crowd for a couple of minutes or so were inclined to jeer, but this soon turned to cheers when they found that not only could he keep up with the play, but was making his decisions with the promptness of a highly-skilled performer.

And the crowd were right, for the portly linesman who until increasing girth caused him to give it up was a senior referee on the League list.

Mr. Williams was deputising for a delayed linesman.

RUGBY

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only as the result of two brilliant tackles by Charter, who, however, did little else right. Mansfield stood out head and shoulders above any forward on view.

For Club Nelson and Morgan were always dangerous, while Olesen, B. Hynes and Lee were outstanding at forward.

Club opened the scoring when Wilson rather fortunately slid on to the ball when it was over the soldiers' line. Needham failed to convert from the touch line. The winners took the lead when Mansfield followed up a punt ahead and knocked the ball out of Charter's hands and then went on to score close in for Coombes to kick a goal.

In the second half Coombes narrowly missed landing a penalty goal from 35 yards, and soon after Club went ahead when Wilson broke away on the wing to score between the posts for Burford to convert. Small Units came on level terms when Coombes easily kicked a penalty goal from close in, and the soldiers went ahead when Coombes kicked a great goal from 40 yards following obstruction. Coombes



was primarily responsible for the final score as it was following his daring cut through and subsequent tackle by Charter that the ball went loose to Mansfield, who cleverly kept the ball from going over the dead line before touching down between the posts for Coombes to convert.

CLUB "A"—Charter, Needham, Godfrey, Nelson and Wilson; Morgan and Clemo; Heasman, Burford; Stark; Benn, Lee, Olesen, B. Hynes and Didsbury.

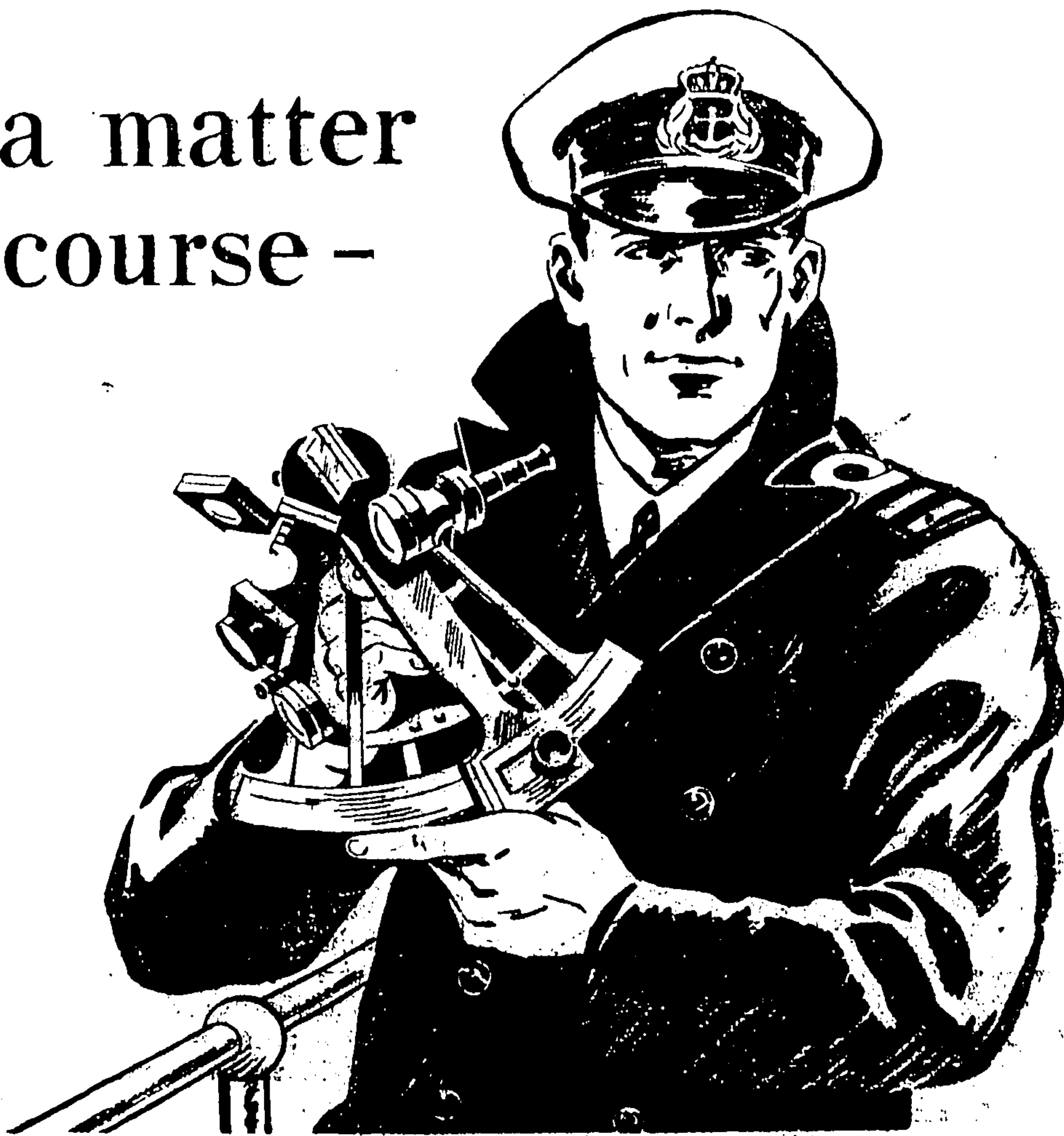
SMALL UNITS—Hamblin; Macdonald, McPherson, Lithauer and Whybro; Coombes and Scriven; Milne, Chandler, Wigglesworth; Crew, van Milligan; Mohan, Stockham and Mansfield.

GAME POSTPONED

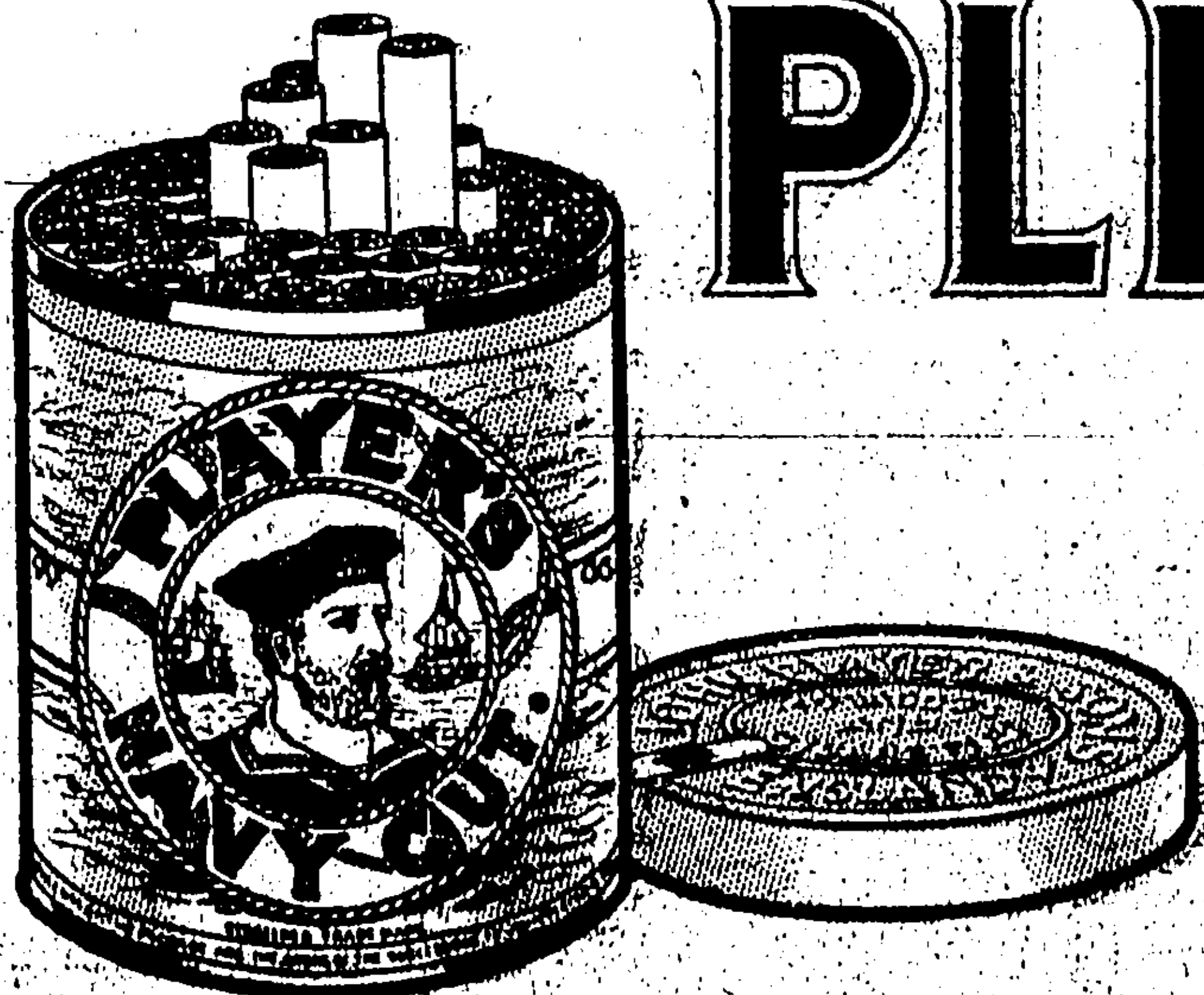
The Quadrangular Rugby Tournament match between Army and Police, scheduled for next Saturday, has been postponed.

Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps will meet Navy at Boundary Street at 4 p.m.

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RUMANIAN RUMOURS

Legation Scoffs At Reports Of Disturbances

Czechs' War Of Nerves

CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAS MAINTAINED A "UNITED FRONT" AGAINST GERMANY, DR. RENES, THE CZECH LEADER, SAID IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

In the factories, the wheels are going slower and slower and a vast system of passive resistance is organized all over the country. "We have heard about Germany's war of nerves," he said.

"Czechoslovakia has a war of nerves going on as well."

Among Germans in Czechoslovakia, he continued, there are evident signs of anxiety for the future, lack of confidence in their leaders and dissatisfaction with the whole regime. — Reuter.

AMERICAS BEHIND BRITAIN

Declaring his confidence in a British victory, the Consul-General of Columbia said at Allahabad yesterday that for the first time in history South, Central and North America were joined together to win the war.

"We mean to give Britain all the things she needs," he continued.

India, he declared, must march hand-in-hand with Britain rather

Foreign Office Denial Of Lurid Stories

THE RUMANIAN Legation in London yesterday denied rumours of disturbances in Rumania, while a British oil engineer who has just returned says that Germany will have to send far more troops into the country if she is to get any value out of it.

Communications have been disrupted by the weather, and severe blizzards are the only cause of the disruption, according to the Rumanian Legation.

The British Minister in Bucharest says that there is no confirmation there of reports which have trickled across the frontier of large-scale rioting and sabotage. The first reports a few days ago spoke of sabotage against the Germans and stated that there was widespread ill-feeling against them.

Favourable To Britain

Mr. H. G. Austin, an oil engineer who spent six years working in Rumania, said yesterday that it is possible that the Rumanians are far more favourable to Britain than some people would have us think.

It is quite wrong to say that Rumania is pro-Nazi and helping Germany, he said, and he was not surprised to hear reports of disturbance

than have the yoke of Japan or Germany around her neck. — Reuter.

Sabotage

"I am sure that acts of sabotage will not only continue, but will increase," he continued.

"Germany will have to send considerably more troops if she is to obtain any benefit from Rumanian resources."

He estimated that Germany is not getting more than one-fifth of the available oil and with the Danube frozen he doubted if she was getting as much as one-tenth.

A somewhat better light is shed on the situation in Rumania in a telegram received by the Foreign Office from the British Minister in Bucharest.

The telegram refers to "a lot of grumbling" among the people concerning the arrival of German troops but does not confirm the more lurid stories published abroad of large-scale rioting and sabotage. — Reuter.

BOMB DAMAGE IN CITY

Westminster Cathedral, Westminster City Hall and the Temple were among buildings damaged in a recent air raid, it was disclosed in London last night.

Several incendiaries and a high explosive bomb fell on the City Hall and set the first floor of the Council Chamber afire. The Chamber was burnt out and the contents fell to the ground floor.

A considerable amount of superficial damage was done to the building. The robing room was badly damaged by water.

The staff on duty tackled the fire bravely until fire fighters arrived.

The City records, archives and Mace were removed some time ago to various parts of the country, as were portraits of past mayors and pictures of historical scenes.

There were no casualties. — Reuter.

"STRRET" TAKES IT CALMLY

Publication of President Roosevelt's record-breaking budget aroused no marked reaction on Wall Street and the market took the news of huge prospective expenditures with relative calm.

Observers express some confusion over the budget's double implication of still higher corporation taxes and enormous industrial activity which the defence spending must stimulate. — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

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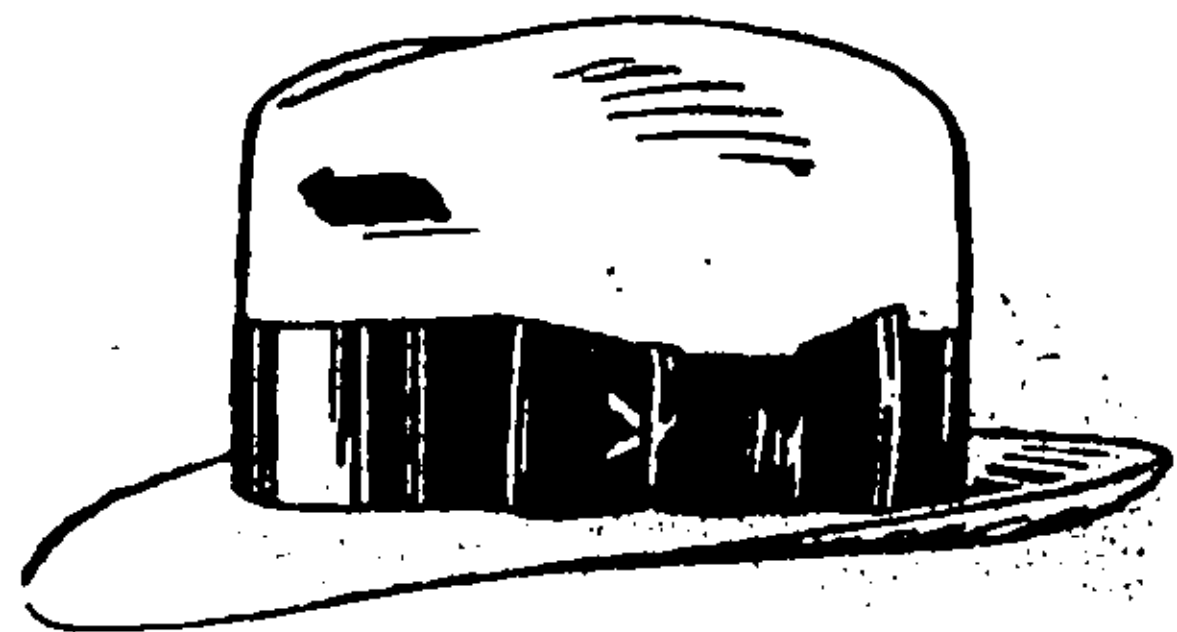


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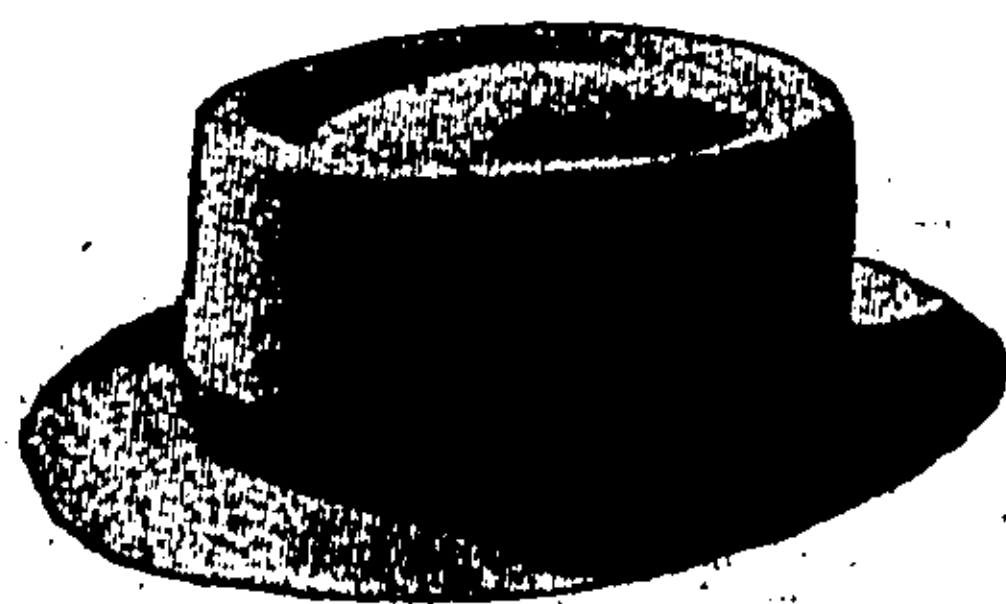


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YUNNAN-BURMA RAILWAY TO BE HURRIED

Construction of the western section of the Yunnan-Burma railway will be accelerated shortly, according to information from Chungking received by Rangoon Chinese yesterday.

It is stated a plan has been drawn up by the Ministry of Communications in Chungking and is under consideration by the Executive Yuan.—Reuter.

No Help For Isolated Garrison

BRITISH TROOPS ARE NOW CONCENTRATING AROUND TOBRUK, AND HAVE TAKEN UP POSITIONS WEST OF THIS IMPORTANT PORT. THEY ARE APPARENTLY OPERATING ON THE SAME PLAN WHICH ENABLED THEM TO CAPTURE BARDIA WITH SUCH SMALL LOSS.

A Cairo communique yesterday said that the total of our casualties in the attack on Bardia was less than 600.

London military circles pointed out yesterday that the new concentration will make it impossible for Italian troops to enter or leave Tobruk: General Wavell sent his advance troops in exactly the same way west of Bardia before attacking the town.

Reuter's special correspondent with British headquarters at Cairo says the Italian garrison at Tobruk is unlikely to receive any more reinforcements and its position is becoming increasingly serious.

Forced To Fight

While some small patrols may be able to slip out, the main Italian garrison will not be able to get away without putting up a fight. It is extremely unlikely that any reinforcements will get through.

There is no indication of the size of the Tobruk garrison.

Tobruk is one of the best harbours in Libya, the harbour being protected by a natural promontory running from west to east and nearly a mile wide and two miles long.

The harbour can be used in all weathers and is deep enough for large warships.

No Sign Of Reinforcements

No Italian troop movements have been detected by aircraft reconnoitring over the Tobruk area while the British Imperial forces are hourly closing in on the town.

British headquarters at Cairo are unwilling to make much comment on the nature of the advance but it is gathered that operations are proceeding to the "utmost satisfaction" of the command.—Reuter.

"Tuna" Fights U-Boat

A spirited engagement between the British submarine "Tuna" and a U-boat on the surface in enemy waters by night was reported in an Admiralty communique yesterday.

The U-boat made off at high speed after firing her gun immediately on encountering "Tuna" but "Tuna" gave chase and fired her after gun.

The U-boat was certainly hit on the conning-tower by one shell but unfortunately this cannot be considered vital damage.

For nearly an hour "Tuna" chased the enemy and only broke off the engagement and dived when sighting escort vessels which came to the rescue of the damaged U-boat.

"Tuna" previously sunk an enemy armed tug by gunfire and in neither engagement did "Tuna" sustain any damage or casualties.—Reuter.

BRITISH SUBMARINE LOST

The British submarine "Regulus" under Commander F. B. Currie, is now overdue and must be considered lost, states an Admiralty communique in London yesterday quoted by Reuter.

MYSTERY OF AMY JOHNSON DROWNING

MYSTERY STILL surrounds the death of Amy Johnson, the famous British airwoman, who was drowned after baling out of a plane which crashed in the Thames Estuary on Sunday.

It has now been established, stated the Ministry of Aircraft Production in London yesterday, that when Miss Johnson left the airfield on Sunday morning no passenger accompanied her.

The weather report given the aviatrix was bad and her parting words were: "All right, I'm going on top." This indicated she proposed to fly over the bad weather with the clouds below her.

Nothing more was seen of Miss Johnson's plane until it came down over the Thames Estuary.

One Parachute

The machine carried sufficient petrol for a four and three quarter hour flight—the exact time between take-off and crash. Her scheduled flight should have taken one hour.

Only one parachute was observed to leave the plane before it hit the water.

It is believed Miss Johnson lost her course in bad weather. After flying round for several hours her petrol became exhausted and she finally baled out over the Thames Estuary, possibly hoping to alight as near as

possible to one of the vessels in the naval convoy.

No Explanation

Amy Johnson was flying as an Air Transport auxiliary pilot, her duties being to fly completed aircraft from the factory direct to the R.A.F. aerodrome.

There is still no explanation of the second person in the plane, seen in the sea by the British trawler, Haslemere.

The second person, a man, was nearly rescued by Lt.-Comm. W. E. Fletcher, of the Haslemere, in rough seas, but Fletcher was forced to let him go before assistance arrived and he disappeared.—Reuter.

INDO-CHINA TO MOVE CAPITAL?

A Shanghai report from Hanoi states that the capital of the Indo-China Government will be removed

EIRE GETS READY

A BAN AGAINST THE DISPLAY OF SIGNPOSTS COMES INTO FORCE IN EIRE ON FEBRUARY 1.

This is the effect of an emergency Government Order which makes it an offence to display anywhere outside urban areas signs indicating direction or distance to any place.

A sign is deemed "displayed" if it can be seen from a highway, train or low flying aircraft.—Reuter.

SIR GEOFFRY ON WAY TO H.K.

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ed to Saigon next week; Saigon is the chief town and port of southern Indo-China and is 700 miles south of Hanoi.—Reuter.



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Italian Air Force Loses Half Its Strength In Libya

Damaging Blow Dealt By The R.A.F.

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

ITALY'S EMPIRE AIR FORCE HAS SUFFERED AS DAMAGING A BLOW AS ITALY'S LAND ARMY, PARTLY BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN BRILLIANTLY OUT-MANOEUVRED BY THE R.A.F. AND PARTLY BECAUSE OF THE BRILLIANT STAFF WORK OF THE BRITISH NAVY, ARMY AND AIR FORCE.

Undoubtedly the Italian air force is being reinforced and refitted across the Mediterranean at the cost of big hazards but the history of its participation in the desert air war is one of growing failure.

One month after the British "blitz" opened the Regia Aeronautica in Libya has lost probably 50 per cent. of its original total of front line planes in combat with the R.A.F.

It has lost several advance bases and is suffering a severe shortage in supplies, particularly petrol, thanks to the British Navy.

A total of 250 Italian aircraft, namely about half the original Italian strength in Libya, were certainly destroyed between December 7 and January 7, for the loss of less than 20 British planes.

Losses May Be Heavier

It is considered highly probable that 123 were battered on the ground during R.A.F. raids, and the capture of 40 of these in unserviceable condition at El Adem suggests that as the British capture new airfields it may be found that Italian air losses have been much heavier than is at present known.

Desert aerodromes are particularly vulnerable, as it is almost impossible to hide aircraft by dispersal.

The strain on Marshal Graziani's air arm is shown by the fact that Italian air activity has dropped steadily after the British capture of Sollum, rallying only for two days—January 4 and 5—in a frantic and fruitless effort to save Bardia.

Dodecanese Strafed

No Italian air operations have been reported from the Dodecanese Islands since the outbreak of the Greek war, the Italian air force there having been virtually "strafed" and starved out of existence by combined R.A.F. activities and the naval blockade.

The plight of Italian squadrons in East Africa is nearly as bad, and it is noticeable that their operations have been severely restricted for some weeks.

R.A.F. Growing Stronger

It is considered that the squadrons, numbering at most 150 aircraft, are in such straits for lack of supplies that maintenance of operations is impossible.

Meanwhile the R.A.F. in the Middle East is growing steadily stronger.

The R.A.F. spokesman in Cairo has just said that reinforcements are pouring in "more rapidly than two months ago."—Reuter.

R.A.F. SNOW RAID ON ELBASAN

A successful raid on military stores and buildings in Elbasan was made on Tuesday by R.A.F. bombers, says an R.A.F. communique issued from headquarters in Greece yesterday.

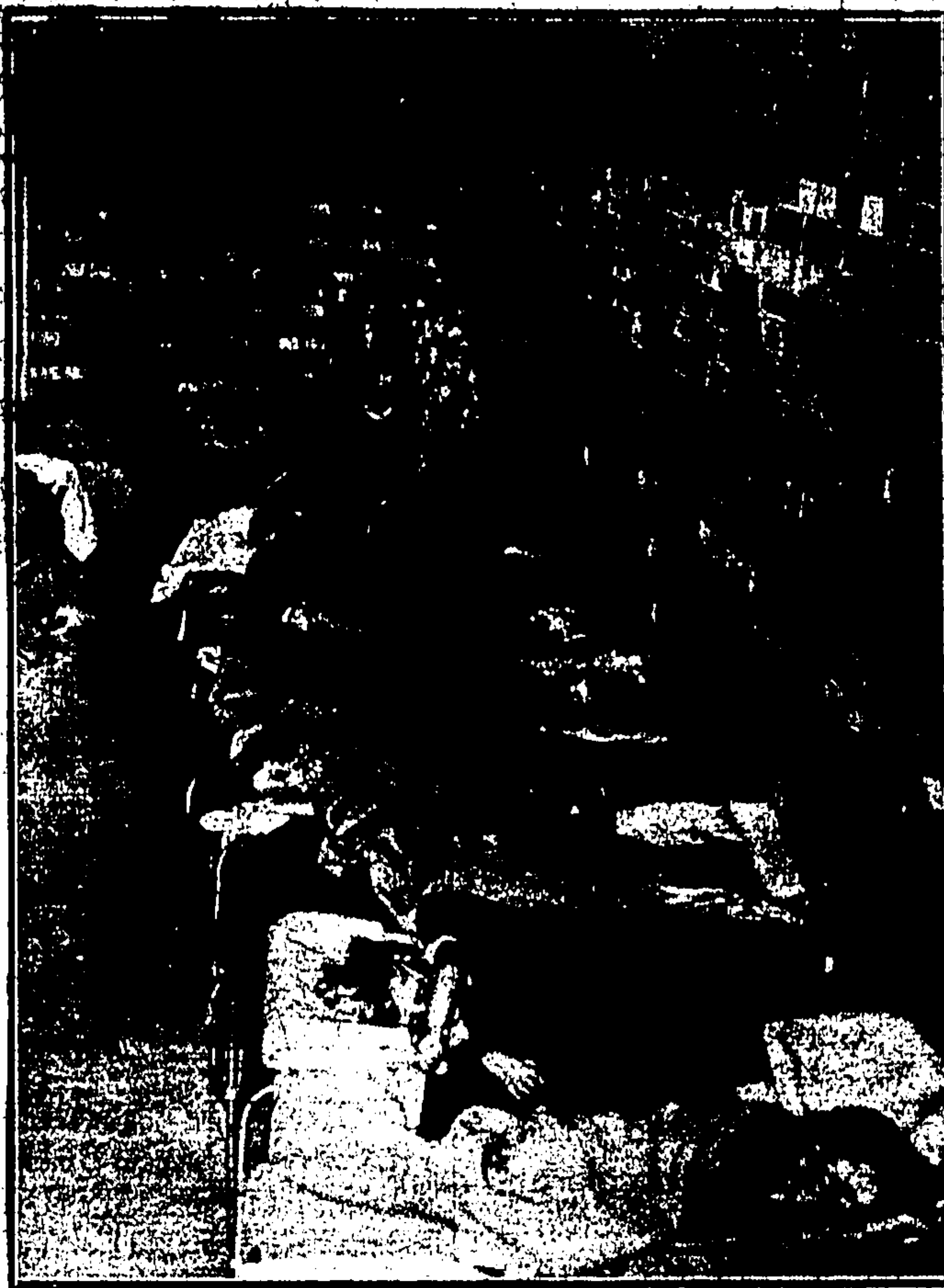
Snow, sleet and rain were falling in the target area, making observation difficult, but high explosive and incendiary bombs were seen to hit several buildings and a number of fires were started.

All aircraft returned safely despite heavy anti-aircraft fire. — Reuter.

RESULT OF BARDIA

ONE RESULT OF THE BRITISH VICTORY AT BARDIA IS A CHANGE OF OPINION IN BRITAIN'S FAVOUR IN THE KINGDOM OF YEMEN, ACCORDING TO RELIABLE REPORTS RECEIVED IN ADEN YESTERDAY.

Many prominent people in Yemen are stated to have abandoned



A number of evacuee children from the bombed areas of London have found safety at the London County Council Ashford Nursery, Middlessex. The nursery is equipped with shelters where the children can sleep and have their meals if necessary. Photo shows babies sleeping in the shelter. (Copyright, Fox).

MORE G-MEN TO COUNTER ESPIONAGE

An increase of 500 in the number of "G-Men" (Federal Bureau of Investigation) to counter espionage and sabotage is recommended in President Roosevelt's Budget proposals.

The strength of this body already equals the peak of the last war at 1,500.—Reuter.

any support for Italy in favour of Britain.

One indication of general opinion as to an Italian defeat in the war is that lire are nowhere accepted while sterling circulates freely.—Reuter.

RUHR HIT BY R.A.F. RAIDS

Coal production in the Ruhr district of Germany has seriously declined, probably owing to R.A.F. activities, according to information reaching the Ministry of Economic Warfare in London yesterday.

One estimate puts the reduction as high as 40 per cent compared with pre-war production.

On the whole, however, there is evidence that coal production generally has been maintained but there is a considerable shortage of supplies to consumers, owing to distribution difficulties.

R.A.F. Interference

R.A.F. interference with railway traffic and the shortage of railway wagons appear to be the main causes of the shortage.

There is also said to have been a considerable falling off in German coal exports to Italy and other countries.—Reuter.

DAYLIGHT RAIDS

R.A.F. FIGHTERS SHOT DOWN AN ENEMY BOMBER OFF THE SUSSEX COAST AT ANGMERING, YESTERDAY.

The bomber was one of a few which attempted single daylight raids in widely scattered areas of England.

Bombs were dropped on a town in the Midlands and a town in East Angles but the number of casualties was small and damage slight.—Reuter.

LOSING NO TIME TO HELP BRITAIN

Progress is being made, said Representative Raeburn, Speaker of the House, after conferring yesterday with Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, and Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of Treasury, about aid for Britain.

Mr. Raeburn hinted that legislation might be considered by the House and Senate simultaneously.

He said: "There is going to be as little time lost as possible."

Other sources in Washington disclosed that an arms programme of \$10,000,000,000 for aid to Britain was being studied. — Reuter.

GREECE WILL NOT YIELD

"Whatever the circumstances are the Greeks will not yield," declared the Press Minister, M. Nicoloudis, in Athens yesterday replying to New Year wishes from foreign correspondents.

Mr. Nicoloudis declared: "Our great leader and Premier Metaxas, by his historic refusal on the night of October 28 to submit to Italian violence, brought back a tired world to the realisation of the duty of dying for honour and liberty."

"The struggle continues and will be long and hard."

"We do not know what complications, what forces and what trials we shall have to face, but you can tell your countries and the world that the Greeks will not be afraid, they will not yield; they will fight on to the end and will conquer." — Reuter.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Business on the London Stock Exchange yesterday was mainly of a specialised character. Speculative buying and the satisfactory progress of the war in the Middle East were responsible for a rise in oils. Broadening demand, especially from the provinces, caused a sharp advance in home rails. Kaffirs, notably non-producers, advanced on Cape buying. Elsewhere conditions were quiet though industrials showed some firm spots. Wall Street was quiet and steady.—Reuter.

FRENCH SPITFIRE FUND

A Spitfire Fund for the Free French Forces in Britain has been opened with £500.

This sum was handed to General de Gaulle yesterday by the Association of Frenchmen in Britain. The first Spitfire to be purchased from the funds will be named General de Gaulle.—Reuter.

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AMERICAN NAVY CHANGES

Far-Reaching Reorganisation Announced

New C-In-C's "Undisclosed Duties"

FAR-REACHING reorganisation of the United States Navy, which in future will be divided into three fleets — Atlantic, Pacific and Asiatic — was announced in Washington yesterday by Col. Frank Knox, Secretary of Navy.

Col. Knox further announced that President Roosevelt has authorised an increase of 42,000 in the Navy's man-power.

He also said that Rear-Admiral Husband Cimmel is replacing Admiral James Richardson as Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific Fleet and will report to the Secretary of Navy for duties at present undisclosed.

The present Atlantic Patrol force, Col. Knox said, now includes about 125 ships, and the principal change in that respect was the change of name.

Destroyers For Britain

The Navy Department, he disclosed, intends to ask Congress for authority to build 280 auxiliary vessels such as submarine chasers, minesweepers and patrol boats.

Asked concerning the possibility of releasing more American destroyers for Britain, Col. Knox said: "I don't think any more destroyers can be detached from our Fleet without seriously impairing its efficiency."

Col. Knox added, however, that the final decision did not rest with him.

No Increase In Asiatic Fleet

Colonel Knox declared that it is not intended to increase the Asiatic Fleet's strength at present. The Navy planned to hold the usual fleet manoeuvres in the Pacific this Spring but the arrangement might be changed without notice.

The increase of 42,000 in personnel raises the Navy's man-power to 232,000, including reserves on active duty. — *Reuter.*

RECORD U.S. PUBLIC DEBT

President Roosevelt's estimated deficit of \$9,210,000,000 will create a record public debt of \$58,367,000,000 and this will automatically require the raising of the present debt limit of \$49,000,000,000.

This compares with \$16,185,000,000 when the annual deficits started in 1931.

Meanwhile the new record of \$87,000,000,000 in the national income would exceed the boom year of 1929 by \$7,000,000,000.

The amount the President has allotted for National Defence will comprise \$3,447,000,000 for the Navy, \$5,950,000,000 for the Army and \$407,000,000 for various agencies, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation and \$1,000,000,000 for future allotment.

President Roosevelt's 1,000-page budget book simplifies defence appropriations in detail. Observers say this conforms with the increasing official tendency to shield information from possibly hostile eyes. — *Reuter.*

AMERICANS TO PAY MORE

Stiff increases in Income Tax and excess profits tax are predicted by officials in Washington as the immediate result of President Roosevelt's Budget proposals.

Tax revenues under the present budget programme will reach the highest point in American history but nevertheless President Roosevelt recommended additional taxation.

Ways and means were, however, left to Congress.

Tax experts consider income tax the most logical means of raising additional revenue and that the rate will increase to 10 per cent.

Increases in gift and estate levies are also predicted. — *Reuter.*

BRITAIN TO LET SUPPLIES INTO FRANCE

AT PRESIDENT Roosevelt's personal request a special shipload of foodstuffs and clothing is to pass through the British blockade from the United States to unoccupied France for distribution under the direct control of the American Red Cross.

The President's request, it was stated at the Ministry of Economic Warfare in London yesterday, was addressed to the British Government during the past few days. The goods consist of Vitamin A concentrates and clothing.

It is stressed in authoritative quarters that this concession, which is being made solely for the relief of children in unoccupied France, in no way alters the British policy of blockading France as a whole.

The fact that the administration of relief goods is being undertaken by the American Red Cross is considered sufficient guarantee that they will, in fact, reach the children for whom they are intended.

Wheat For Spain

The goods are being shipped in the same vessel as a cargo of wheat consigned to Spain by the United States.

When unloaded at a Spanish port the vessel will proceed to a port in unoccupied France.

In addition to this shipload it is understood that a small consignment of Vitamin A concentrates, which had been detained in Bermuda, will be able to proceed.

They are being taken to unoccupied France by the well-known dress designer, Madame Schiaparelli, who is returning from the United States to Paris.

Further Relief

It was stated in London yesterday that if the present shipment safely reaches the proper destination, further quantities of relief food for children in unoccupied France will be allowed through the blockade from time to time.

President Roosevelt, it was added, was well aware of the distinction in such cases between occupied and unoccupied France. — *Reuter.*

GREEK PEOPLE'S MIRACLE

Creation of a third period of Greek civilisation as a result of the victorious conclusion of the present war was predicted yesterday by General Metaxas.

The occasion was a presentation to him of a bronze copy of a statuette of Pallas Athene by Mochos dating from the sixth Century.

Disclaiming credit for creating Greece's moral strength, General Metaxas said that it had been dormant and re-awakened and given a forward pulse.

"The miracle which has been accomplished," he said, "is the work of the Greek people. It is in this that its significance lies." — *Reuter.*

GIFTS FROM ASSAM

ASSAM, WHICH HAS ALREADY CONTRIBUTED ENOUGH TO THE R.A.F. FOR FOUR FIGHTERS HAS NOW SENT 220,000 FOR A BOMBER.

In addition, £200 has been sent to the Lord Mayor's Fund for air-raid victims and a further £500 is to be distributed among the British Red Cross and several funds for the benefit of the armed forces. — *Reuter.*

MEAT RATION VARIATIONS ANNOUNCED

Owing to the diversion of shipping for war purposes to the Middle East, the Ministry of Food announces it will be necessary during the next few months to vary the meat ration at short notice within the range of 1/- and 1/6d.

The Ministry will announce the amount of the ration week by week and for the current week it will be 1/2d.

Supplies to catering establishments will be correspondingly reduced. — *Reuter.*

The Axis Doesn't Care!

The Axis is indifferent to the New World, according to a statement broadcast from Rome Radio in reply to President Roosevelt's speech to Congress.

The statement added: "President Roosevelt repeats the absurd opinion that a victory of the Axis would constitute a menace to America, although anybody with knowledge of European affairs knows perfectly well that the first principle of the Axis policy is always the Monroe Doctrine, namely, complete disinterestedness to the New World."

"We are prepared to go further. By the New World we mean not only the North and South American continents but Australia, New Zealand and all the islands in the Pacific."

The announcer added: "What we resent is that the American President should impose his system on us and if any attempt is made to do so then it will mean war, but it will not be we who are the aggressors. It will be America." — *Reuter.*

SOVIET INTEREST IN ROOSEVELT

President Roosevelt's speech to Congress has received wide mention in the Soviet press and is not liked by the German and Japanese press.

The official Soviet newspaper, "Pravda," ran a 700-word article under a double-column heading. The German press is to be instructed to say that it was a provocation to Germany, Italy, Japan, and Russia. It was revealed in Berlin yesterday.

A Berlin spokesman said that the German press will describe it as provocative and "arrogant beyond description."

The Japanese press takes the same violent line. The Tokyo "Nichi Nichi" grumbling that it is aimed equally at Japan, which is fighting China. — *Reuter.*

Italian G.O.C. Missing

General Berganzoli, the commander-in-chief at Bardia, is missing, says a Cairo communique. It is possible he escaped in a motor-boat held specially for that purpose.

The communique reveals that on the night Bardia fell, General Berganzoli and two Blackshirt Divisional commanders deserted, leaving the regular commanders to carry on.

One of the Blackshirt commanders has been picked up north of Bardia.

General Berganzoli and the others are still missing, and it is probable that they left in a motor boat reserved for that purpose. The search is continuing.

The commander taken prisoner is General Antonelli, Commander-in-Chief of the First Blackshirt Division.

Crept Through Cordon

The spokesman at Cairo last night suggested that the Black-shirt general who has since been captured may have been mistaken for General Berganzoli.

The open rocky nature of the terrain, said the spokesman, doubtless facilitated escape from Bardia.

Before the British forces launched the final onslaught it might have been possible for a small batch of Italians to creep through the cordon round the town. — *Reuter.*

AMERICAN WHEAT FOR SPAIN

Conditions upon which the American Red Cross would send a cargo of wheat or flour to Spain, to meet immediate civilian requirements, have been communicated to the Spanish Government, stated Mr. Norman Davis, Chairman of the American Red Cross, in Washington yesterday.

If such a cargo were sent, it would presumably be a separate shipload and additional to cargoes already announced as being sent to Europe.

The conditions were not specified in the Washington announcement but it is believed that the American Red Cross is requiring an assurance that it will be given complete freedom in handling supplies. — *Reuter.*

APPEASER TO RETURN?

THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT IS STILL IMPATIENT ABOUT THE DELAY IN THE CARNET RECONSTRUCTION ACT VOUCHER IN FAVOUR OF THE GERMAN AND THE GERMAN COUNTESS RADIO. AN ONLY YESTERDAY GAVE SOME INFORMATION OF WHAT THE NAZI WANTS.

It was expected, said Oslo Radio, that Mr. Berntsen (who is a noted pro-German) will join the Cabinet and that other Ministers not favoured by Germany will go. — *Reuter.*

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ANGLO-PORTUGUESE TIES RENEWED IN LISBON

RENEWED ASSURANCE of the friendship uniting Britain and Portugal were expressed in Lisbon yesterday when Sir Ronald Campbell, new British Ambassador to Portugal, presented his credentials to President Carmona.

Sir Ronald referred to "two countries, which by tradition, independent spirit and the extent and strength of their colonial empires, have many characteristics and interests in common."

President Carmona, replying, expressed a view that the friendship between the two countries might become even more fruitful, and conveyed to the King sincere wishes for his personal happiness and the prosperity of his Empire.

Sir Ronald said Britain would continue to follow with sympathy the destiny of the Portuguese people. This sympathy would be greater in that the events which had been ridding Europe for the past 18 months had in no way disturbed a friendship sealed with a time-honoured alliance binding the two countries and to which His Majesty remained wholly faithful.

Duke Of Kent's Visit

President Carmona expressed appreciation that the Ambassador had recalled the traditional friendship and common interest existing between the two countries.

The visit which the Duke of Kent paid to Portugal at the time of the Centenary celebration was striking evidence of British sympathy with the Portuguese.

The Ambassador's tribute to the spirit of the Portuguese people

would find a sincere echo in the feelings of admiration in Portugal for "your noble nation and the high virtues of which she is so justifiably proud."

Wide Understanding

The friendship between Britain and Portugal, which grave events had in no way been able to disturb, must be inspired by a wide and mutual understanding.

Purpose of the Ambassador's mission, which was to make this friendship even more fruitful, was in keeping with the President's sincere wishes. — Reuter.

SPANISH AMBASSADOR RECALLED

The Spanish Ambassador to Italy, Senor Garcia Condey Mendez, has been recalled and told to hold himself at the disposal of the Spanish Foreign Office, said a Madrid despatch to the Italian Stefani agency in Rome yesterday.

Senor Mendez became Ambassador to Italy in July, 1937, shortly after an Italian Ambassador had been accredited to General Franco's Government. — Reuter.

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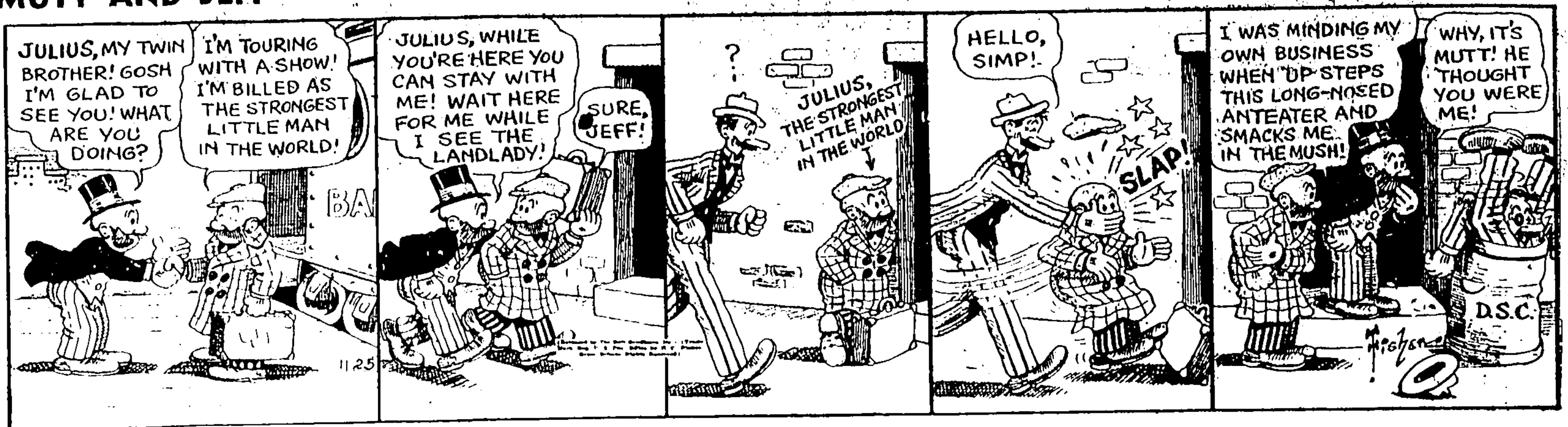
BERMUDA DISPUTE

In spite of the fact that London has yet received no report from Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador at Tokyo, concerning the Japanese protest over the detention of Japanese subjects in Bermuda, authoritative quarters in London observed that Great Britain must conform strictly to regulations for the purpose of enforcing the blockade during wartime.

They pointed out that this necessity should be appreciated by the Japanese who themselves have enforced stringent measures affecting foreign flights, interests and persons in their occupied areas of China. — Central News.

MUTT AND JEFF

By RUD FISHER



HIS WIFE'S PHOTOGRAPH

A roar, followed by a shaking explosion, caught the Medical Officer as he was walking to the Sick Quarters of a Coastal Command Station. Instinctively he ducked behind a wall. An aircraft had crashed and blown up, not far from him. Debris from the shattered machine fell around like rain. As the Medical Officer stood up, a small photograph floated down in front of him. It was the picture of the young wife one of the pilots on the Station.

"Poor kid," muttered the Medical Officer. "I wonder who will tell his wife."

A grimy figure came running round the building, from the direction of the burning wreckage. It was the "poor kid", minus tunic, a bit shaken, but none the worse. He had managed to jump clear as he crashed.

He was flying solo in shirt sleeves, with his tunic hanging up behind him when, to avoid collision with another aircraft, he had to put his machine down on the Sergeant's tennis court. His wife's photograph had been in a small pocket Bible, buttoned into the breast pocket of his tunic. The explosion blew the Bible out of the pocket, and the photograph, out of the Bible, which was found, slightly charred, on the roof of a neighbouring building. There was not a trace of the tunic—or even of its buttons.

THE AIR FORCE TYPE

There has always been talk of the Navy type and the Army type. A rugged, square-built face, a good complexion and "eyes over the horizon" invariably suggest a sailor. The Army type calls to mind a stiff back, and a moustache. But so far there is no such thing as an Air Force type. Perhaps it is that two generations of flying men are insufficient for the evolution of a type; certainly to describe anyone as "a typical airman" is not helpful—it conjures up no particular image.

Films about flying have familiarised us with a series of keen resolute men flying "on their nerves", as the saying goes, and on the whole rather less human than their machines. But they are not typical—as a visit to any R.A.F. mess will show.

Youth is the main thing that R.A.F. crews have in common; that, and their unswerving devotion to the air. Their job is their hobby and there is no sounder guarantee of a job well done.

Physically, they offer striking contrast. You find them plump and lethargic, slim and athletic, short and tall. Some are talkers, others hardly ever open their mouths; some carry themselves with self assurance, while others show a surprising mildness.

Muffled in their flying clothes and helmets they all look alike as they clamber stiffly down from aircraft back from a raid. But as helmet and leather coats come off, the differences are revealed. Here is a young fellow with a baldish head and a modest manner—not the conventional appearance of a hero. Here is another with wide, dreamy eyes and delicate hands. Here is one who fits more into the picture—a broad grin, a healthy, glowing face and a shock of wild hair. But he again, is offset by a man with a studious face—looking as though he had spent the last four hours on an office stool instead of in an air gunner's cockpit.

"What do you make of my observer?" said a pilot the other day. "He wouldn't hurt a kitten, yet he's the fellow who drops the bombs—queer isn't it."

One looks in vain for the strained bloodshot eyes, the ragged nerves, the crude devil-may-care manner of fictional flyers. There is none of that about the R.A.F. airman. Nor are they controlling violent emotions or making a pose of nonchalance. They are merely behaving ordinarily about what to them—although the rest of the world may wonder—has become an ordinary job.

Occasionally there is excitement over some particular success, and there is enthusiasm all the time. On the other hand there was no affectation about the pilot who recently described his journey to Berlin as "just a 'bus ride.'"

It is in these characteristics perhaps rather than in any physical similarity that we shall discover the Air Force type—this singular capacity for remaining cool, combined with a genius for understatement, born of the only real fear the R.A.F. have, the fear of "shooting a line."

GERMAN BOMBS IN ENGLISH FLOWER POTS

Outside the mess of an R.A.F. Fighter Command Station in the south of England are two bombs. They were taken from a Dornier 17 bomber which was shot down some time ago by a fighter from the station. They were rendered harmless by the armament officer and presented to the mess.

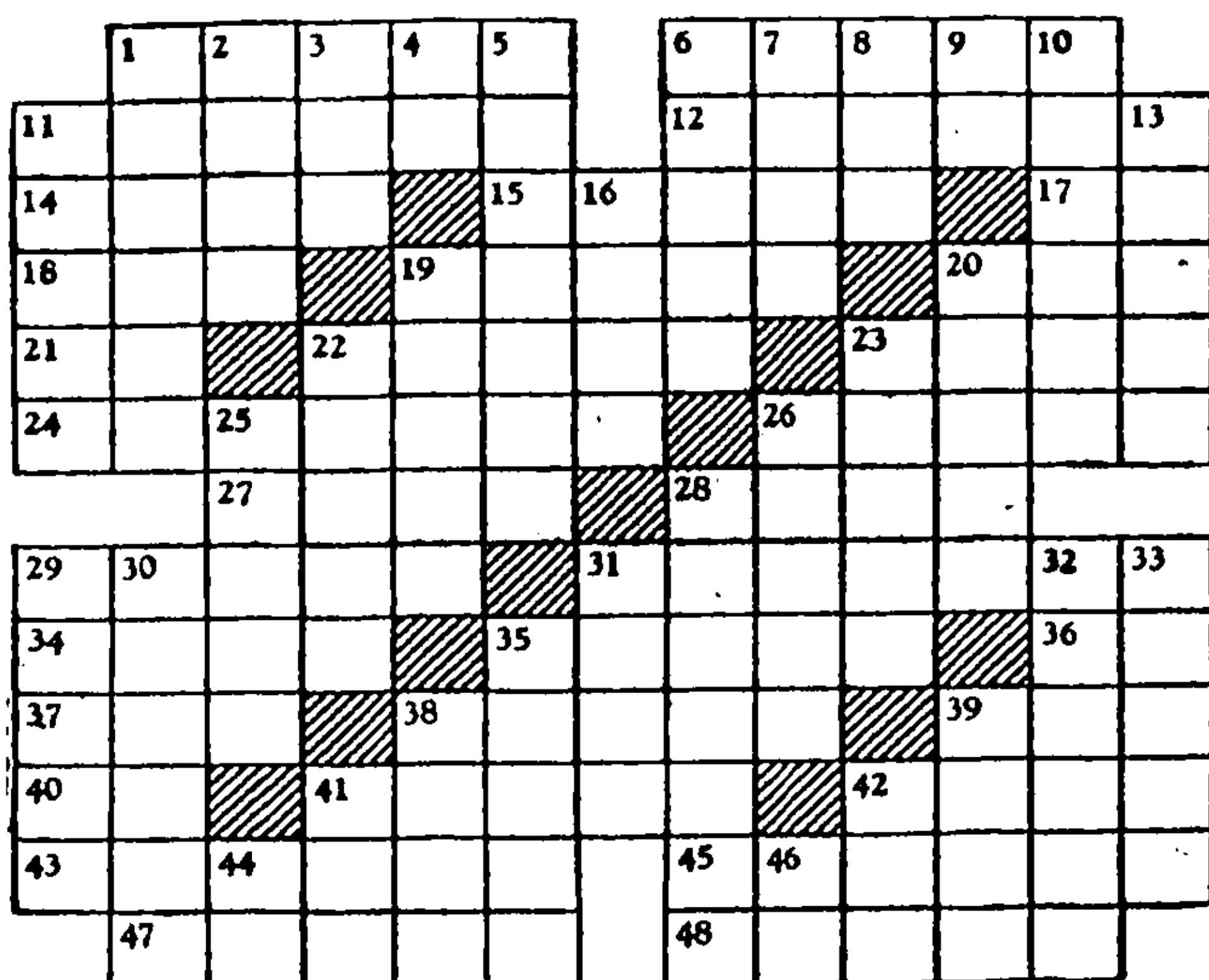
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- 18 Pronoun
- 19 Calyx leaf
- 20 Sailor
- 21 Symbol for tellurium
- 22 Year's record
- 23 To abominate
- 24 One of the English isles
- 26 Tropical fruits
- 27 Italian coin
- 28 Capital of Latvia
- 29 Ancient warrior
- 31 Divers
- 34 Repetition
- 35 Criminal
- 36 Sun god
- 37 To be obliged

- 38 Swift
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- 42 Comfort
- 43 Wanness
- 45 Tray
- 47 Long jump with weights in hands
- 48 Hebrew prophet

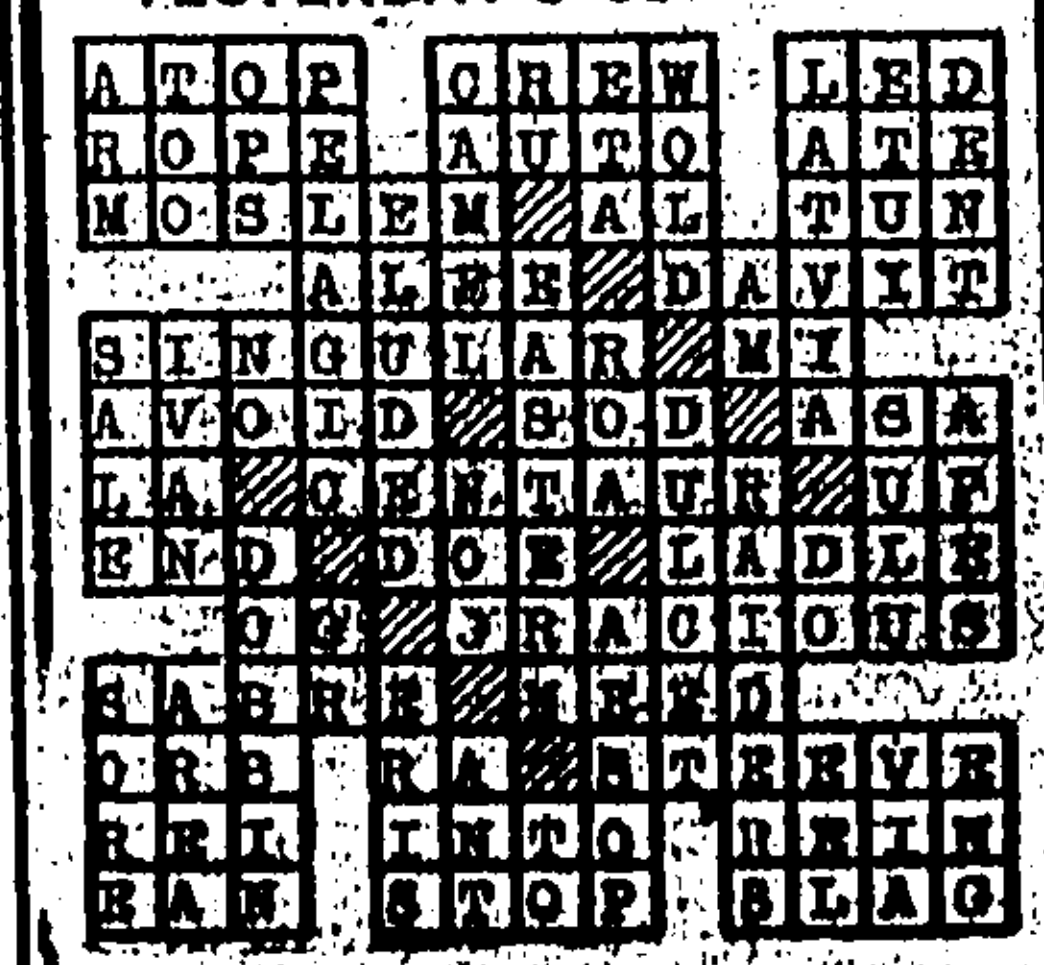
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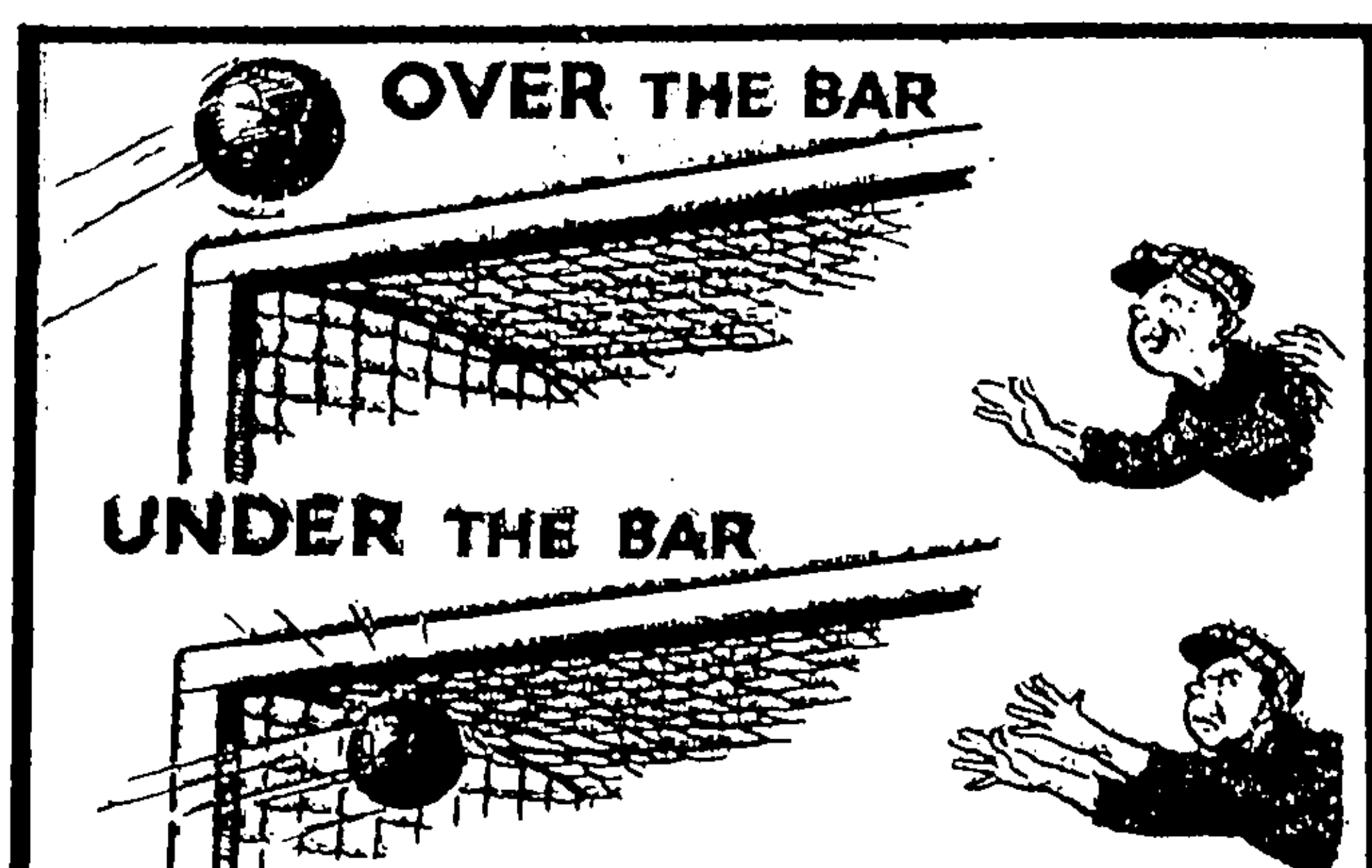
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- 4 Toward
- 5 Insect's feeler
- 6 Attempt

7 Lively dance

- 8 Man's name
- 9 Because
- 10 To give
- 11 West Indian island
- 13 The nostrils
- 16 Small French biplane
- 19 Trap
- 20 Mongolian
- 22 To place in rows
- 23 Murderer of Siegfried
- 25 To excite
- 26 Piece of turf
- 28 To get free
- 29 Company
- 30 Canopied seat atop an elephant
- 31 To appear
- 32 Ascends
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HOW THE R.A.F. PICK ITS MEN

GERMAN DAY-AND-NIGHT air attacks on Britain have not affected the training of pilots. This I was told by the commanding officer of one of the largest flying training schools in the country, writes Ronald Walker, "News Chronicle" air correspondent.

"War operations over a small country like Britain have not cut down the output of pilots, as some people seem to imagine," he said. "More and more pilots are being trained."

Yesterday I wrote about the training of ground personnel. Flying training is not more important, but it cannot help but be more exciting. This is the branch which supplies to the squadrons the pilots and other flying personnel, including navigators, observers, radio operators and gunners.

The pupil of to-day has to work much harder than his pre-war comrade.

Not only has the system of training been changed, but the time allowed has been reduced; the same high standards of proficiency are maintained.

Under the pre-war system the pupil learned to fly at a civilian training school, gaining at least 50 hours' flying experience before putting on uniform.

Young men to-day can choose flying duties, but they have first to pass a preliminary medical test. The Aviation Candidates' Selection Board looks them over and tests their knowledge of mathematics and trigonometry. Then the doctors have a second session.

"Ginger" Course

If the candidate passes through this searching test he is passed on to a Receiving Wing to be put into uniform and taught how to behave in it. All pilots and flying personnel have to begin in the ranks to-day.

Now an airman, the pupil goes to an Initial Training Wing, where he is given an intensive ginger-up course, and elementary instruction in mathematics, navigation, armament and signals.

Flying instruction begins at the Elementary Flying Training School, where he makes his first cross-country flight and does a little "blind" flying in overcast cockpit with the instructor in front watching for trouble.

It is during this period that the young pilots are selected for fighters or bombers. A lad with dash, with split-second reactions, is more likely to be chosen as a fighter. The quieter, steadier lad, with ample patience, qualifies for bombing.

Fighter pilots go to their O.T.U. and are not concerned with other personnel, but the bomber pilot is just one member of the crew of a bomber.

While he is under training, observer-navigators, air gunners and radio operators are passed through their own particular schools. At the bomber Operational Training Unit the crew members come together.

Crews are selected, and from that moment they are trained as a unit.

Close Families

This method of training as working units has been largely responsible for the success of R.A.F. bombing raids. The crews of heavy bombers have become close families.

I arrived one night at a Service Flying Training School. Through low-lying mist we drove some miles to a landing ground where, to my surprise, the landing lights were on.

Pupils were doing night-flying practice in twin-engined mono-planes, flying round and round the field, landing and taking off to the light signals from the control officer.

It was at this flying field that a pupil pilot on a solo flight recently rammed a Heinkel bomber. The young pilot and all the crew of the Heinkel were killed. When I asked the control officer what happened if enemy aircraft arrived, he said: "We've a job to do, and we carry on."

Mechanical Teacher

During the day the pupils divide their time between the classroom and the aerodrome. Their first attempts at bombing are done on the ground in the bombing teacher.

In the roof an elaborate instrument projects on to the white floor below an air photograph of a strip of country.

This moves as the ground would move under an aircraft, and also allows for wind drift. The pupil has then to drop imaginary bombs on a given spot, using the bomb sight in the ordinary way and pressing a button for the release.

The moving picture stops and a light spot shows just where the bomb would have fallen.

The commanding officer told me that the standard of recruits is excellent.

"It was good before the war," he said. "To-day, the standard is better than ever."

TROOPS LEAVE DEVIL'S ISLAND

Hollow-eyed, fever-ridden fugitives from Cayenne, notorious prison colony in French Guiana, who have reached St. Thomas, in the Virgin Islands, in a small boat, revealed that the French troops and police stationed there have abandoned the settlement in a body.

They have gone to enlist under General de Gaulle, leader of the Free French forces.

Henri Roulet, leader of the fugitives, told the authorities at St. Thomas that the only prisoners now remaining are 306 at Devil's Island.

All those at Cayenne itself, he said, have been liberated.

Many Germans and Italians have arrived at Cayenne, said Roulet, and are trying to establish order.

Devil's Island, one of the most notorious penal settlements in the world, was the place of detention of Dreyfus, till he was cleared, after twelve years, of the false accusation of treason.

LIFE WAS SAVED BY A MANGLE

A bomb fell on a public house in a south-east coast town. There was a blinding flash, a terrific roar.

When the licensee, Mr. Sidney Herbert, fifty-one — Lucky Old Sid to his pals — became conscious again, he was in the cellar. His mouth was filled with clay. A shaft of daylight not bigger than a knitting needle pierced the gloom.

Something lay heavy across his thighs, and he tried in vain to shift it.

Shouts came from above. He spat out the clay and shouted back. Then smoke entered his lungs.

"Trapped!" flashed through his mind as he coughed and spluttered under a pile of debris that would take hours to move. And there was fire near him.

Choking he struggled again to free himself, but fell back exhausted. "What a rotten end," he thought.

Lucky Accident

Up above him someone tugged at a floor joist and a kitchen mangle hurtled cellarwards. The rescue party held their breath. "That'll finish old Sid," said one.

But as the mangle crashed the weight went off the imprisoned man's legs; fresh air fanned his face. He opened his eyes, saw a foot-square patch of daylight, and shouted.

Another crash — this time it was the kitchen stove. It swept a path through the debris and landed near the mangle.

Through a gap in the wreckage a head and two arms came up. In a few seconds "Lucky Old Sid" was standing with the rescue party.

"Good job I bought the missus that mangle after all," he panted.

MUST CONSUME LESS

We must produce the maximum and personally consume the minimum, said Captain Crookshank, M.P., Financial Secretary to the Treasury, inaugurating Grimsby War Weapons Week.

"The demands for war material and war equipment," he added, "are unlimited. It follows we must cut all our normal consumption to the lowest possible."

Discussing the cost of the war and the measures adopted to meet the expenditure, Captain Crookshank said we needed to borrow about £40,000,000 a week to be "on a really good wicket."

"It must be genuine new savings; money put by week by week out of our earnings, not just money put into war loans, and so on by selling other shares and buying war securities with the proceeds."

'RED' REVIVAL IN GERMANY

(By A Diplomatic Correspondent)

Information reaching me through official communist channels indicates that communist activity in Germany is increasing day by day.

The Communist Party there is reported to be waging a vigorous campaign of organisation and propaganda.

The activity takes two forms:

SECRET.— "Cells" of Red workers are being formed in the factories, docks, railway centres and arsenals.

OPEN.— Leaflets and pamphlets are appearing, cyclo-styled memoranda are being passed from hand to hand, information is being transmitted from mouth to mouth, and slogans are appearing on the walls and hoardings.

CHINA MAIL
WINDSOR HOUSE

WITH MOSCOW'S COMPLIMENTS

There seemed to be some sort of compliment involved in the recent appointment of Commissar V. P. Dekanozoff as Soviet Ambassador to Berlin. He is one of Russia's outstanding figures in the field of foreign relations. He is a personal friend of Stalin, is reported to have been born in Stalin's native Georgia and even to have some blood relationship with the Soviet dictator.

The appointment of so important a person to represent Russian interests in Nazi Germany is construed by authorised Nazi press commentators as signifying a greater regard in Moscow for Berlin and as presaging more active relations between the Soviet Union and the Third Reich. More active relations may well follow. The movements of the Red Army in the Ukraine and of the Black Sea Fleet suggest that as the Nazis push into the Balkans and toward the Near East, German-Russian relations are certain to become more active—even agitated.

One reason why Commissar Dekanozoff is so outstanding a diplomat is because of his unusual equipment in Balkan and Near Eastern affairs. Apparently Berlin hopes for a clarification of Russian policy now that the new Ambassador has been appointed.

The first sign of clarification is Bulgaria's obstinacy when confronted by invitations to join the Axis.

Experienced observers will watch Turkey for other signs of clarification of Russian policy, for Russian influence is very strong in both these countries, and it would be lessened by Axis penetration.

Commissar Dekanozoff can be expected to make a shrewd broker where transactions involving Russian prestige are under way. From this distance it would seem that the compliment implied in his appointment to Berlin was the compliment that one hard bargainer pays another when he sends one of his best traders to complete a deal.

Next to Hitler, Hermann Goering is unquestionably the most popular man in Germany; in many respects he is even more popular than Hitler, for Hitler stays in the clouds while Goering puts his strong legs firmly on the ground. Hitler is an ascetic who does not smoke or drink; he lives on vegetables and has no affairs with the feminine sex—characteristics which always inspire awe in the masses. Goering, on the other hand, loves wines, women and song; he has the same sound animal instincts and vices as the common man; therefore the people love him.

His most important characteristic, and one which wins all hearts, is his sense of humour. Of all the Nazi leaders, he is practically the only one who has a certain valuable trait: he likes to laugh, and when he is made fun of he knows how to take it. He has the irresistible comic quality of the "nice fat boy."

Good Stock

Goering comes from good and ancient German stock, of a family originally from Pomerania. Among his ancestors were school-teachers and artisans; later generations produced mayors, merchants and senators. Still later, under the Prussian kings, his forefathers served as government officials: his great-grandfather, Michael Christian Goering, was made war councillor under Frederick the Great—something very near to being a minister. French blood entered the family when his grandfather married Caroline de Nerce. His father was the first German commissar in the newly acquired colony of South-West Africa, in 1880 he went to Haiti as German consul-general.

Hermann Goering, however, was spared fate of birth in a foreign country. His mother returned to Germany in time to give life to him in Rosenheim, not far from Munich. He was born on January 12, 1893, the fourth child in the family.

Ten weeks later his mother, Franziska Goering, returned to Haiti, leaving her baby with a friend. Two years later, however, the whole family returned from Haiti.

The Goerings were well off. They kept open house in Berlin, receiving diplomats and officers. The son's weakness for resplendent uniforms and decorations dates back to his childhood: John, the valet, had to bring sabres and uniform caps to his bedside when a party night was on.

After his retirement from diplomatic service, the father moved to the Chateau Veldenstein in Franconia. From here little Hermann was sent to school in Fuerth, much to his displeasure. He did not like either the school or the Jews, of whom there were many in Fuerth.

Military School

The obvious solution for the somewhat difficult educational problem of the boy Goering was a military school, a Kadettenkorps. There learning was secondary; the main thing was to become a soldier. It suited the inclinations of the boy; he became an excellent cadet and left the military college of Lichterfelde with the highest of distinctions: praise from the Kaiser.

His joyful father presented the boy with 1,000 marks. The use Hermann made of the money is as characteristic of him as it is congenial: he invited the family chauffeur, Sepp Rutsch, to take a trip with him to Italy. To his father he wrote: "Money which is not immediately necessary for living is there for pleasure. I am sharing it with Sepp Rutsch, hoping you will understand."

His father died in 1913. The next year Hermann rose to the rank of lieutenant in a regiment stationed near Muehlhausen.

"When I become an officer—which goes without saying—there must also be a war. I want to distinguish myself like my papa." This boyhood wish was granted, like nearly all his wishes. The war came.

A few weeks after the outbreak of the war he was the first lieutenant of his regiment to receive the Iron Cross. When rheumatism of the joints began to bother him, he filed an application to become an aviator. There was no reply; so he made up his mind and flew in the aeroplane of his friend Loerzer, the general headquarters of the Crown Prince.

Here he was snarled at for undisciplined action; then actually dispatched to the flying corps. Once more he had got away with it.

First Flight

After a period of observation, he passed his pilot's exams in the autumn of 1915, and within four weeks was able to fly to the front in the first machine of his own.

Goering's pluck in aerial warfare is well known. In 1915 he was severely wounded. Only half recovered, he was ordered to join a flying relief corps in Boeblingen but simply did not carry out the command. He sent the following telegram to the inspection headquarters of the aviation forces in Berlin: "Not able to locate Boeblingen either in the railway

By—

Heinrich Hauser

time table or on the map. Have consequently returned to the front."

His surviving adversaries in air battle speak of him with respect. After shooting down twenty planes he received the highest German war decoration, the Pour le Merite. It was evident that he had been born under a lucky star. In June, 1918, he was sent up to test a new model pursuit plane in Berlin.

His trial flight went smoothly; then his friend, Captain Reinhardt, was sent up for the second test. At 1,000 metres the wings fell off—again death had barely missed Goering.

On July 7, 1918, First Lieutenant Goering was appointed commander of the Richthofen pursuit squadron, shortly after Richthofen's death. He continued in command of the squadron until the revolution. When it disbanded in Aschaff burg after the Armistice, Goering prophesied that some day there would be a new Richthofen squadron. He has made that prophecy come true.

Married Baroness

There followed the typical adventures of a discharged officer in the post-war period. For a time Goering was a night taxicab driver. Then, in the spring of 1922, he married a Swedish baroness, Karin von Fock. The young couple lived rather poorly in a little hunting lodge near Munich. On October 12, 1922, Goering first heard Hitler speak at a political gathering in Munich. His enthusiasm was kindled; and by the next day the two men had become friends. Hitler commissioned him to organise the Storm Troops, and thus he became the first leader of the S.A.

Marching at Hitler's side in the ill-fated coup of November 9, 1923, the so-called Beer-Hall putsch, he was struck by a machine-gun bullet. Government police arrested him in a hospital, but a few hours later some of his S.A. men rescued him. They carried the wounded man to a motor car and got him away to nearby Austria.

The ensuing stations of his life include Venice, Rome, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Danzig and Sweden. A political fugitive whose arrest had been ordered in Germany, Goering suffered that fate of the exiled which he later prepared for so many others. His wife's jewels and finally every object of value went to the pawnshop. Eventually their last belongings were auctioned off, and the Goerings lived for a long time on small loans from their friends.

Sting in Speeches

In 1926 a general political amnesty was decreed, and he returned to Germany.

Two years later, in May, 1928, Goering was one of the first twelve delegates of the Nazi Party to enter the Reichstag. He was never a good speaker, but his speeches were popular, to the point, and matchless in their sting. On September 25, 1931, Karin, Goering's first wife, died in Sweden. He had loved her deeply, and in memory of her he built his country place, "Karinhall," where she now is buried.

By 1932 the Nazis had become the strongest party in Germany

with 230 delegates. Goering became Speaker of the Reichstag. As speaker, Goering was in the habit of scrutinising through his field glasses delegates of those parties which displeased him.

After the short-lived ministry of General Schleicher, the last under the parliamentary system, came the famous January 30, 1933, on which Goering could report to his Fuehrer: "The position is taken—you will be Reich-Chancellor!"

At five o'clock in the afternoon the new Cabinet convened. Now it was no longer Goering the retired captain who sat at Hitler's side, but Goering the Reich Minister, the Commissioner of the Prussian Ministry of the Interior and the Commissioner of the Air Force. Within an hour he had moved into his office at the Ministry of the Interior on Potsdamer Platz. Three months later he was Minister-President.

Strong Arm

His further career is so well known that it is not necessary to describe it in detail. To-day he still remains the strong arm of the Fuehrer.

But it is difficult to explain how, in a few years, he could have acquired by honest means art collections worth a fortune—on a salary which, according to Nazi principles, could not exceed 60,000 marks annually. The riddle persists even if one assumes that his imposing country seat, Karinhall, his estate in Bavaria, his hunting lodge in East Prussia, and his palatial house in Berlin, have all been financed and furnished by the State.

Goering has always been generous—generous in giving and generous in taking. If ever a minister of the corrupt era had been showered with presents as costly as those Goering received on the occasion of his marriage in 1934 to the actress Emmy Sonnemann, the entire world would have shouted "corruption." If high State officials with modest salaries had ever acquired one-tenth of the palatial residences, country estates, and castles that the heads of the Third Reich now possess, they could not have lasted a week. Though free Press and free public opinion no longer exist in Germany, it is generally known among the people that Goering has accepted numberless presents worth millions.

It is known, for instance, that a rifle factory gave him a wedding present of a very costly rifle, and that the Minister-President had his secretary write a letter to the effect that he already had fifty similar rifles, and would much prefer a farm in Mecklenburg of such and such a size and located at such and such a place. The rifle had a value of perhaps 1,000 marks, the farm possibly 60,000 marks.

It is known, moreover, that when an art dealer made him an offer in pictures, Goering replied that "the Lord Minister-President gets the pictures he wants from the stock of the Prussian museums." And it was true.

It is an amazing fact that though there would be penal servitude for similar offences in any other country, in Germany nobody grows really angry at Goering.

People's Instinct

The people's instinct tells them that wealth and display of luxury belong to this man. The people have always liked a display of power and splendour from their potentates, and the princeliness of Goering's manner of living has scarcely been matched by that of any German prince before him. With him, the paradox proves true: "He does not get fat because he is fat." If Nietzsche were still alive, Herman Goering could have served him as the ideal model for his "blond beast."

Five to six hours' sleep is all he needs. In summer and winter he gets up between six and seven o'clock. The bedrooms in all his houses face east. His valet, Robert, cloaks the heroic figure in one of his many bathrobes and takes him to the cold shower. The shower is said to be followed by calisthenics. Meanwhile the first cup of coffee has been put in his dressing-room, always on the same table, and Goering always drinks it standing up.

Then the field marshal, in dressing-gown and slippers—of which two comforts he owns dozens—re-

clines in a deep arm-chair and reads his morning papers. He has a special newspaper service, and gets his news as early as six o'clock in the morning. Occasionally he reads English and Swedish papers.

In the next hour his aide will put before him all the telegrams and reports that have arrived during the night. After that begins the half-hour which he calls one of his most beautiful ones. He reads.

In all his houses he has voluminous libraries, principally works of history or books on art and literature. His pet animal plays at his feet. It is a lion cub, and valet Robert turns on the gramophone—truly a Caesarean idyll. Robert declares with justifiable pride that he knows by instinct which records will be most agreeable to the ear of the master, whether the mood calls for the *Merry Widow* or for *Beethoven's Third Symphony*. If the field marshal has a hangover or is otherwise in sombre mood, Robert will play the "Hercule March" from *Gotterdammerung*, for "that always helps."

The Tailor

Between half-past eight and nine the tradesmen are waiting in the ante-room, ready to be called, the tailor at their head. Considering the changing dimensions of the waistline of his client, his task is not always an easy one. The barber, too, has a difficult time: sometimes he has to wait a whole week before he can get at the general's head; Goering takes care of the shaving himself. Other figures in the line of waiting tradesmen are the rifle agent, the art dealer, and a long line of retailers with their collections of samples.

Breakfast at nine lasts exactly ten minutes. At nine-thirty, his dressing finished, Goering's long succession of conferences, receptions, and sessions begins. Before the visitors reach him they must pass through several ante-rooms occupied by the "Chief of the Bureau of Command," Bodenschatz, by the Chief of the Staff Bureau, Gritzbach, and by Goering's personal secretary, Miss Grundtmann, who has been with him for many years.

The visitors are mostly ministers and secretaries of state, diplomats, high officers, lord-presidents and high party officials, but there are also artists and journalists. Military questions alternate with problems of foreign policy. Now the administration of forests is discussed; in the next quarter-hour, the problems of the secret State police.

In considering this rapid change of subjects Goering shows great concentration and much intuition; he is capable of both. After the callers have gone, the secretaries bring folders of papers awaiting signatures, which are quickly dashed off.

Talks With Hitler

Goering takes lunch with Hitler two or three times a week. The two men often stay together for hours—sometimes their discussions last until darkness. When Goering does not lunch with the Fuehrer he usually has guests in his own house. At three-thirty his aide draws his watch and points to it by way of a gentle hint to the visitors to take their leave. Over coffee after the meal an old friend, Secretary of State Koerner, has an opportunity to unburden himself of his problems.

The afternoon is a succession of various meetings: the Cabinet, the Prussian Council of Ministers, the Council for the Four-Year Plan, conferences on economics, meetings with presidents, and private audiences which Goering had not finished in the forenoon.

Dinner seldom takes place before nine-thirty, usually after ten. Goering almost always has dinner guests, though never more than thirty-five at the most. He invites only those he likes. He takes care of the seating arrangement himself.

His parties are liked for their informality and gaiety. The chef of the foremost restaurant of Berlin takes great pains to satisfy all of Goering's demands.

After dinner he often visits the theatre, usually arriving in time for the last act. If he does not go out, he is entertained by moving pictures at home, preferably comedies.



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NETHERLANDS RESIST THE NAZIS

A RECENT ARTICLE mentioned the formation of a new political party in Holland, the "Netherlands Union." Several prominent politicians have signified their willingness to forget their differences of opinion and to cooperate under the leadership of Holland's well known ex-Prime Minister, Dr. Colijn, in order to work together for the common good.

The draft declaration of the party pledged the members' loyalty to the House of Orange and the fixed determination to strive for freedom and independence, but the Germans forbade this, whereupon Dr. Colijn and some other personalities withdrew from the party.

Others, however, continued their efforts to launch the new party, willy-nilly, obeying the German oppressors, as they were of the opinion that some sort of cooperation with the Germans was necessary in order to keep things moving.

Many Hollanders criticised this attitude, but further news from Holland indicates that the Netherlands Union is not a tool of the Nazis, but that the party is determined to follow its own well-defined programme.

A "Dutch" Nazi paper published an interview which one of its reporters had with the secretary of the Netherlands Union.

One of the first questions asked at this interview concerned the standpoint the Union intended to take towards the Jews. The Union leader replied that religious matters did not interest the party, which only distinguished between loyal patriots and traitors.

Former Minister Welcomed

When the Nazi reporter asked which government was acknowledged by the Union, the reply came that the Netherlands government in London was the only government acknowledged, and to his astonishment he was informed that the ministers who had fled from the country would re-occupy their positions after the war as a matter of course.

"But what if Germany wins the war?" "God forbid," was the reply, "there is not a single Netherlander who hopes that will happen, for the consequences would be too horrible to think of."

It is evident that a political party which has the courage to take such a stand, is not lacking in loyalty.

The Germans, however, are flabbergasted and their press has started a bitter campaign against "those incorrigible Dutchmen."

To Hollanders the world over it will be clear that although the new party has been compelled to strike the words "loyalty to the Queen and a desire for freedom and independence" from its manifest, these words are deeply engraved in the hearts of its members, who moreover do not hesitate to demonstrate their feelings.

Jewish Persecution

The persecution of the Jews is getting serious now. All persons of Jewish blood, even if only slightly "contaminated," are ineligible for government positions, especially in the Department of Education.

The Nazi papers have recently clearly defined which educational jobs are barred to Jews and to gentiles married to Jewish wives, it being immaterial whether they or their wives are 100 per cent. Jews or not.

They cannot hold positions as professors, teachers, kindergarten-teachers, school-porters and—who smiles there?—school shoemakers.

Of course, terrible things would happen to children wearing shoes repaired by a cobbler whose wife's grandmother may have been a Jewess! All such shoemakers have promptly been discharged.

And Seyss-Inquart, the German governor of Holland, has delicately hinted that he does not want to oram the new ideas down the throats of the Hollanders. No, he does not want to do so—it is a matter of complete indifference to him what the Hollanders think of the new "order," as long as they obey his orders.

NAVY'S FASTEST

As a result of war developments, motor torpedo-boats are now a separate branch of the Royal Navy, with headquarters and training establishment on lines very similar to the submarine service, writes a London naval correspondent.

I have just completed a visit to the base in question, which is under the command of a captain. Though the torpedo boats are commanded by lieutenants or lieutenant-commanders, R.N., and carry R.N. stokers, a large proportion of the personnel is drawn from the R.N.V.R.

Motor mechanics recruited from civil life have had to expand the experience they obtained ashore in workshops and garages to master the intricacies of high-powered engines.

I was fortunate enough to be given a trip to sea in one of the fastest of the motor torpedo-boats attached to this base. Though the sea was not unduly rough I was given an oilskin and sou'wester to wear when we got outside the harbour. They were soon needed, for the spray that is thrown up when a motor torpedo-boat increases speed to 40 knots or over has to be seen (and felt) to be believed.

According to data already published, the latest type of British M.T.B. is capable of speeds considerably above 40 knots. Torpedo tubes, eight guns and a complement of depth charges make up the normal armament. Apparatus for rapidly producing a smoke screen is another valuable feature.

FURNITURE FROM THE QUEEN

Little Mrs. Sarah Russell who was bombed out of her home at Stepney, E., is so excited.

"It's marvellous of the Queen," she kept on saying, as she unpacked her few belongings from a suit case and put them into the drawer of a wardrobe belonging to the Queen which had been sent from Windsor Castle.

Mrs. Russell and hundreds of other mothers and children are billeted in a dance hall near the castle. And the Queen has made comfortable three of the halls with 160 pieces of furniture from the castle.

There is another reason why Mrs. Russell and her companions are excited. They have heard that some of the bombed East End mothers may go to the castle for tea.

"The Queen's help has been very great," Mr. Norman C. Butler, the mayor, said. "We had 500 evacuees here from the East End, mostly women and children, and it was impossible to find billets for all of them. Our problem was solved when the Queen offered furniture."

While Mr. Butler talked, Mrs. Russell's two youngest children jumped round full of questions.

"Mum did this chest of drawers really come from the castle?" And "Can we really use the Queen's furniture to keep our things in?"

Mrs. Russell said that her husband is in the A.F.S. "He is still at his post and is happy now that he knows I and the children are being cared for. He has been helping fight the dock fires, and he was machine-gunned by the Germans once as he worked."

SEE FAMILY IN U.S. FILM

"LITTLE NEVILLE — he smiled at me." These words rang out through the Odeon Cinema, Bristol, as a dark-haired woman half rose from her seat when a news-reel picture of three small children broadcasting from America was flashed on to the screen.

She is Mrs. Frank Whittaker, of Durdham Park, Bristol. With her husband she was "seeing" her three children, Rona, nine; Neville, seven, and Alan, five, for the first time since they and their parents were parted more than two months ago.

Though thousands of miles of land and sea lay between them, Neville smiled from the screen straight at his mother as his squeaky little voice said: "Hullo, Mum, hullo, Dad" into the microphone.

Half in tears, the father and mother, who had talked to their children for a minute and a half on a special radio-link-up arranged by the National Broadcasting Corporation of America a few weeks ago, now watched the children, who had been filmed at the microphone in New York during the talk.

Got A New Dress

"Rona's got a new tartan dress," her mother noticed. "I wonder if she has got a bonnet to match it all right?"

Then, as Rona replied to her questions from England, she added: "She's getting quite American. Look at her saying 'O.K.' and 'sure'."

the father asked his youngest son over the mike. And the screen baby Alan snorted until he nearly burst.

"They look awfully cheerful and bonny," Mrs. Whittaker said afterwards, "but they wrote and told us that after the broadcast little Alan burst into tears."

"They tried to comfort him, but one man said, 'Let him alone, his crying will help the British cause no end. It will hurt Hitler as much as an army.'"

Mr. Whittaker said: "We had only a minute and a half to speak with all three."

"I am a little worried that I asked young Alan to snort—a trick he has always played on us at home—because I am afraid now they will call him 'the snorter' at his new school."

Mr. Whittaker, who is secretary of an insurance company, served in the R.F.C. in the last war. So much do he and his wife miss their children that they are thinking of "adopting" some evacuees until the end of the war.

R.A.F. HAS CARD INDEX OF ENEMY DEFENCES

THE TELEPHONE rings on the anti-aircraft liaison officer's desk. "Intelligence here. We're bombing Adolphshaven to-night." "Right. I'll let you know in five minutes the latest stuff I have."

The officer walks to a map on the wall and quickly lays off the course between the bomber station and the objective, notes the names of places on the route, and then gets busy with a filing cabinet on his desk.

He is in the uniform of a major of artillery. Usually he is himself an anti-aircraft gunner of long experience, and the wings on his khaki tunic show that he has seen service with the R.A.F. or the R.F.C., writes a London air correspondent.

His job is to have available for the Intelligence Department of the Bomber Group all possible information about the enemy's ground defences.

He is frequently able to suggest ways of avoiding A.A. fire. The officer obtains his information from a variety of sources, but mainly from the reports made by air crews.

They Note Flak

Occasionally, he attends the questioning of the crews, but mostly he studies their reports. Here and there he picks out a sentence:

"Intense flak (A.A. fire) encountered from a gun on the mole at Quelqueville."

"Searchlights, 12 to 15 in number, at 51.20 N., 05.30 W." "25-30 balloons between 4,000ft. and 6,000ft. around Hermannsdorf."

All this information is carefully extracted and transferred to the cards in the filing cabinet. Additional information is often supplied from photographs.

Before calling back the station which has asked for information, the flak officer rings Bomber Command to see whether any further information has come in.

He is then able to give out all that is known about guns, searchlights and balloons between the R.A.F. base and the night's target.

The flak officer is continually on the look-out for evidence of new types of enemy guns or projectiles. When a bomber returns with damaged wings or fuselage, he studies the holed fabric or metal to find out what type of gun was used.

Splinters of shells become treasured possessions.

First Shot Best

He is able to pass on to new crews the experience gained by the old hands. He will tell them not to judge the accuracy of an anti-aircraft gun battery by the first salvo, for the first shot is generally the best.

He advises them about "jinking" and "snaking" — terms used to describe the up-and-down and side-to-side movements employed to escape bursts of fire from the German guns, which throw shells up to 25,000ft.

The flak officer has cheering news about the decreasing efficiency of German anti-aircraft fire. As the Germans overran Europe, so the area they had to defend increased enormously, reducing the intensity of fire at home bases.

There is also evidence that the ranks of the gunners are being swelled with hastily-trained, inexperienced men.

SON OF A DEAD HERO

A Narvik hero's wife has given birth to a son seven months after her husband's death.

She is Mrs. Geraldine Cross, wife of Lieutenant C. P. W. Cross, radio officer in H.M.S. Hardy who was killed when the British destroyer led the world-famous attack on German warships in Narvik Fjord last April.

He died at the side of his commander, Captain Warburton-Lee, who himself died of wounds.

"She is delighted that it's a boy," her father, Major Denis Burke, told a reporter.

Mr. Cross already has a little boy, Denis, Charles, who is two and a half years old.

CYCLE FOR BOY FRIEND

A boy who for the last six years has never missed one day in calling on a lonely crippled old bachelor has been remembered in the old man's will.

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The bequest is made in the £4,431 will of Mr. George Frederick Jenneh Rosenberg, of St. Ives, Cornwall, formerly a master at King's School, Canterbury.

Beneficiary is David Vaughan Parker, fifteen-year-old son of Lieutenant and Mrs. Albert John Parker, of Trenwith Bridge, St. Ives.

Mr. Rosenberg, who died last July, at the age of seventy, was crippled with rheumatism and unable to get about.

Mr. Rosenberg loved children, especially boys, and always remembered David and his brothers and sisters at Christmas time.

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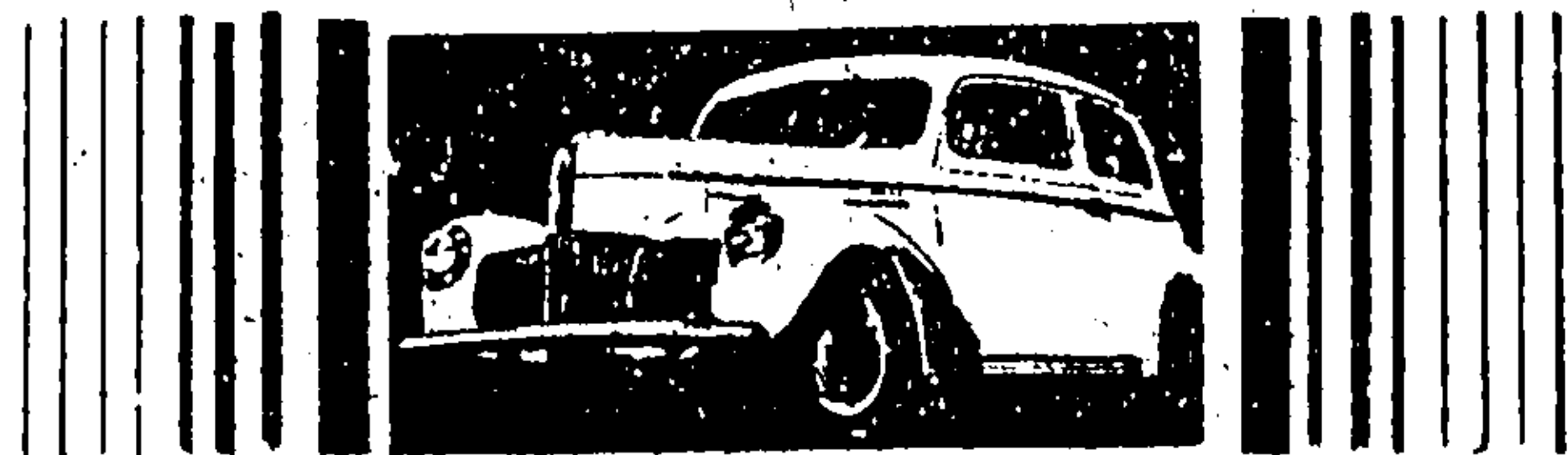
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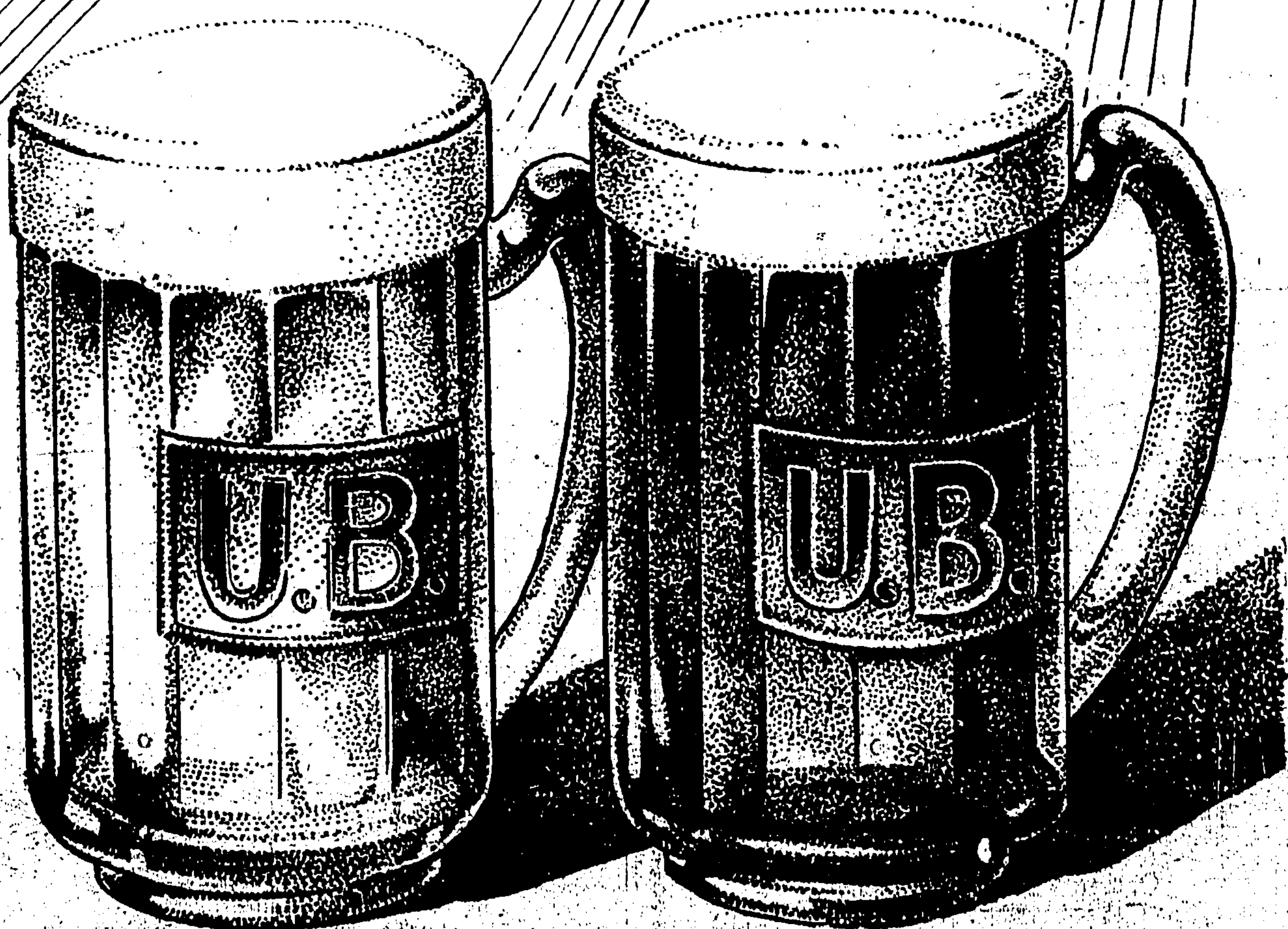
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By The Four Aces

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West, Dealer

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♥ 10 8 6 2
♦ A 6 3
♣ J 7 6 4
♠ 8 8

♥ 5 4 3
♦ 10 7 4
♣ K Q
♠ K 10 7 6

2

♥ K Q
♦ K Q J 8 5
♣ A 5
♠ A Q J 4

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West opened the diamond King, South winning with the Ace. Declarer returned his low diamond, West taking the diamond Queen and returning a spade. East took the spade Ace and shot back the ten of diamonds. South discarded the low club, and West, of course ruffed. Later on South had to lose a club, thus going down one trick.

Obviously, South is the criminal, but was his crime? Decide for yourself before going on.

Probably South's chief crime was in choosing a bad line of play to begin with. He could have made his contract by banging down the Ace and Queen of clubs at once. West would take the club King, but South could ruff the low club with dummy's trump Ace and draw trumps before cashing the club Jack and forcing out the spade Ace. Another method was to cash the King and Queen of hearts at the second and third tricks; then lead the diamond. If East got in with the spade Ace to return a diamond, South would ruff with the Jack, lead a trump to dummy's Ace and discard the low club on the Jack of diamonds.

But even South's actual line of play, although inferior, was feasible until he let West ruff the third round of diamonds. South should have put up the King of trumps, cashed the Queen, Jack, and Ace of trumps, and taken a discard in safety on dummy's Jack of diamonds.

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♥ A J
♦ J 10 7
♣ K 10 9 7 4
♠ A K J

The bidding:

Maier	Jacoby	You	Burnstone
1♥	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid three diamonds. The hand is, if anything, a trifle "light" for this very strong bid; but the high-card strength and profusion of Jacks and tens warrant energetic action.

Score 100% for three diamonds, 80% for two diamonds, 40% for two no-trump, 30% for three no-trump.

Question No. 609

To-day you are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with neither side vulnerable and a 60-point part-score for the opponents, you hold:

♥ 6
♦ K J 7 5
♣ K J 8 4
♠ K Q 9 3

The bidding:

Schenker	You	Jacoby	Burnstone
1♠	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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R.A.F. AND NAVY TRAIN TOGETHER PALESTINE AID

In a certain wooded part of England strangers have been surprised to meet lots of Naval ratings strolling down country lanes and doing their shopping in sleepy country villages.

They have noticed that R.A.F. too, in the same lanes, and the same villages, though that arouses no surprise—for the R.A.F. is everywhere. But the Navy!

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To-day the Naval trainee is accepted as part of the established system. No present-day airman can remember the time when there were no Naval ratings on the station. They are trained together on the same bench in the same workshops, taught together in the same school, and play games together on the sports grounds.

Only in barracks and on the parade ground is the distinction made between R.A.F. and R.N. The barracks blocks are "divisions" to the Navy, the flights are "decks", the rooms are "messes", and a visit to the nearest village is "going ashore".

Between the two Services there is a healthy rivalry. On the sports field, in school and in workshop, the "tiffles" have proved more than capable of holding their own.

No airman will deny that they are "pretty good types"—though definitely queer and different, with their own salty way of doing this and saying that. The Naval ratings will admit that the R.A.F. "blokes" are not too bad, but would be improved by a period in a Service with a tradition!

Actually both Services gain by this mutual training. The Naval rating gets the benefit of years of

The majority of Jews who have settled in Palestine in recent years are wholeheartedly behind Britain in her struggle against Nazi tyranny and brutality. Their young men are demonstrating their feelings by the way in which they are flocking to our help.

Many of them have joined the Royal Air Force in the Middle East. They are a keen set of fellows of good physique and extremely eager to get going with the units of the R.A.F. to which they have been posted. Some will serve in the Western Desert, and others will go to various units of the Middle East Command. They are at present undergoing training. Many are intended for the technical branches of the Service.

These Palestinians, as they are officially known, hail from Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa and other parts of the Jewish settlements, and, gradually, in small parties, they are being spread over the Middle East Command.

Most of the men, who range from 17 to 45 years of age, settled in Palestine after experience, either personally or through their parents, of conditions in Nazi Germany or Austria. Not many of them speak English, but one, a Corporal, whose parents fled from Russia in 1919 and who lived in France for 15 years before his family moved to Palestine, is a master of Russian, Polish, French and Hebrew and he is making good progress with his English. He served with the French Foreign Legion for nine months in Syria.

Asked why he and his fellows were so eager to serve in the R.A.F. he replied: "All Jews in Palestine want to fight for England because it is the experience of the Jewish people that they have been happy under the democracy which England is defending. All our people in Palestine are very strong in their support of England, and they want to help beat the tyranny of the Nazis even if they have to sacrifice their lives. After all, is life so very important with so much at stake?"

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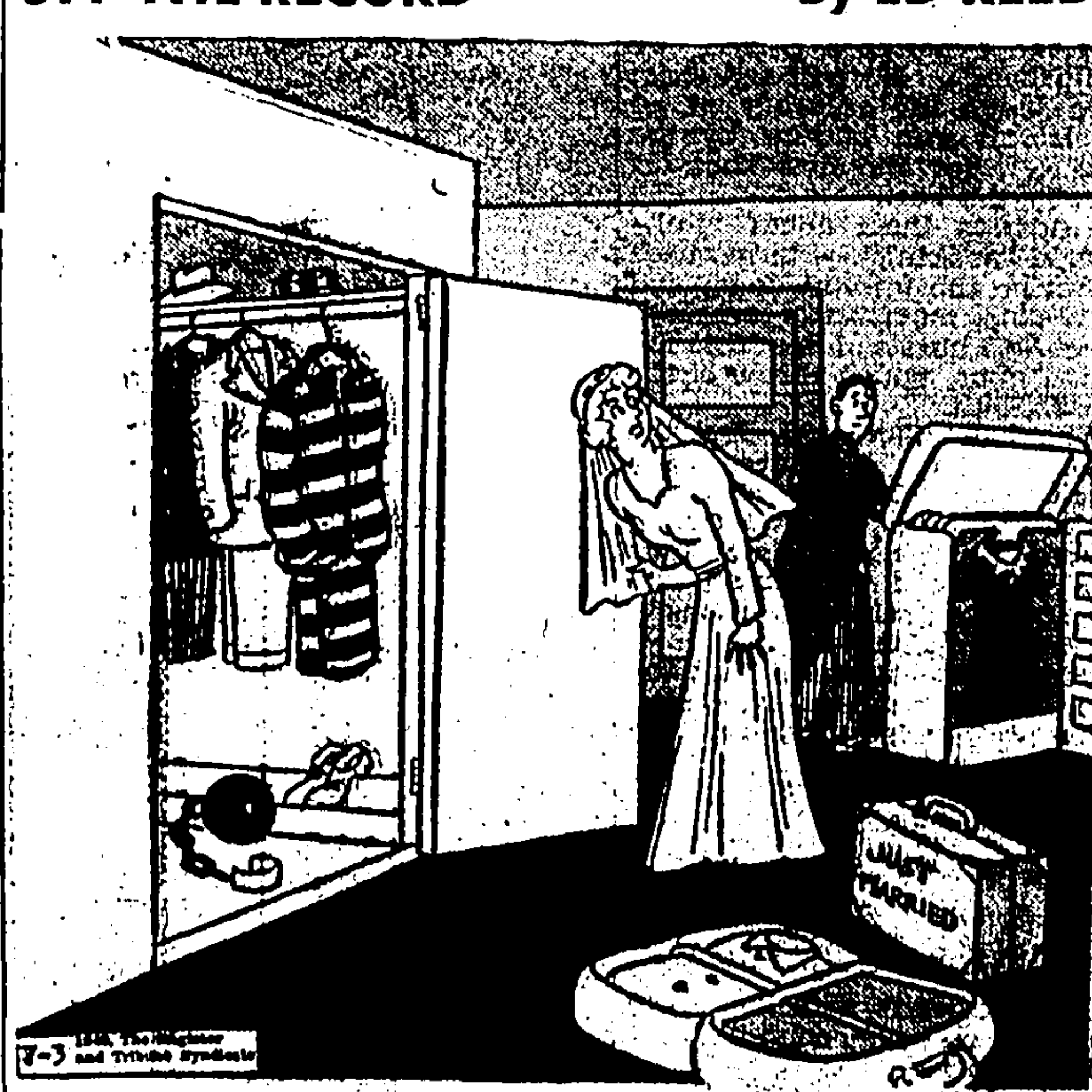
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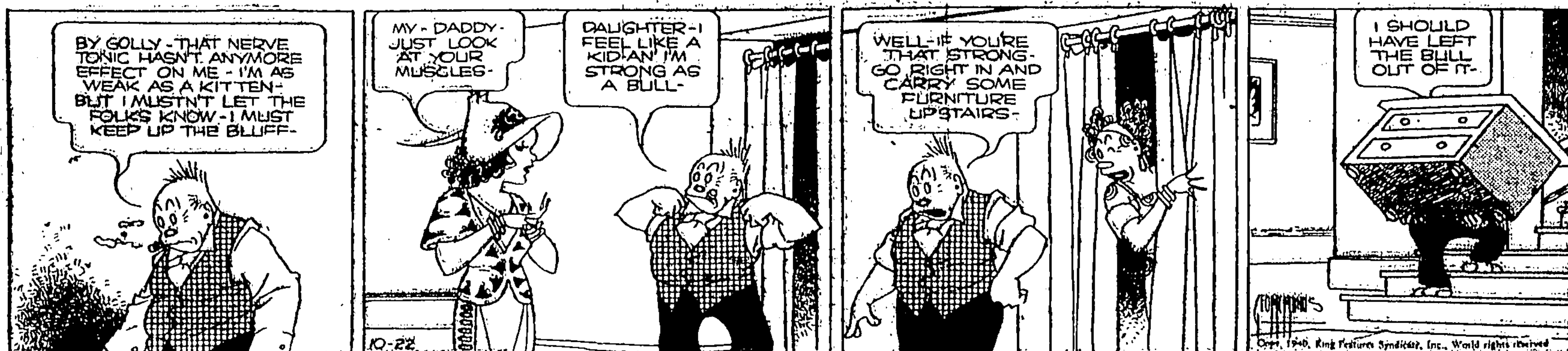


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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Teaching A Toddler

Should I . . .

Mothers often put this question to me: "As Tommy is now thirteen months old, and as he is a big, hefty baby, should he not be encouraged to walk?"

Well, that's a difficult question to answer, because there are so many possibilities.

I am always trying to preach the gospel of "Don't worry," especially to the younger mothers among my readers.

Think for a moment. How can you compare Mary A., who was a premature baby, difficult to feed,

By Dr. Avon

rather timid and fretty, with Willie B., who comes of a robust stock and who has never given his mother a single day's anxiety?

It just can't be done. To every child there is an index, and this is arrived at after taking into account matters of sex, build, age, temperament, and reaction to ordinary conditions of life.

With regard particularly to the movement of the baby, it is known that on the average the infant begins to crawl at about eight months.

But because a baby crawls until he or she is, say, fourteen months, there is no indication that anything is wrong.

Some babies do not crawl at all, and take to their feet in the early part of their second year, after a few preliminary trials.

Others, again, go on crawling and will not respond to the par-



Thoughtful Tom says since there is so much irony in life he doesn't understand why more people don't get rusty.



ental encouragement to risk walking to a table three yards off to get a reward of much-appreciated chocolate.

There is nothing in such cases to show the slightest evidence of disease or abnormality.

One very vital point to bear in mind is that a baby does not normally try to crawl in any way between the ages of six and eight months, and the crawl of eight months is on all fours and quite different from that of the earlier stages.

I advise mothers to encourage, but not to force in matters of crawling and walking; leave the decision to the child. He is bound to decide when the appropriate moment has arrived at which he can stand upright and move on his two legs.

Q. Should I lend to somebody else a book that has been lent to me?

A. No. The book or other object has been lent to you by the owner because he has formed a good opinion of your sense of responsibility. It is a denial of that sense of responsibility to lend it again to another. If you are anxious to lend the book or other object to a friend the owner's permission should first be sought. Remember it is not yours to dispose of in any way.

Q. When I have been invited out to tea or to some other meal at a private house am I justified in bringing with me someone who wishes to meet my host or hostess?

A. No. The invitation has been extended only to those persons specifically named. It is an infringement of hospitality to bring a stranger with you. Even to bring a mutual friend, your children or some relative unless they have been specially mentioned, is incorrect when visiting on an invitation.

Should there be some person or persons however who wish to meet your host and hostess socially for the first time on this occasion you should either communicate with your hostess in time and ask her permission to bring the additional person or persons or else pay a formal call with the strangers on another occasion.

Q. How long should one stay when paying a social visit in the afternoon?

A. A delicate sense of time is a very important social asset. As someone has said a good rule to go by is to aim at being regretted for going rather than to be regretted for staying. To out-stay one's welcome is to run the risk of being called a bore. There are some people who can never fear themselves away from wherever they find themselves and stay on to the "bitter end." Another rule to remember is that visitors "arriving excited and departing relieved."

Do not be so insensitive as to rush away when the conversation is at its keenest or break up a party that is in full swing unless you have urgent reasons for doing so (and then do so as unobtrusively as possible); on the other hand to not stay anywhere a minute after the fun or the conversation have begun to drag - you will take your leave gracefully before this point has been reached if you will be a social success. Actually, no definite rule can be laid down regarding when one should take one's leave on a social occasion; a kind of sixth sense is required in order to time oneself perfectly. To go too soon can be as ill-mannered as going too late.

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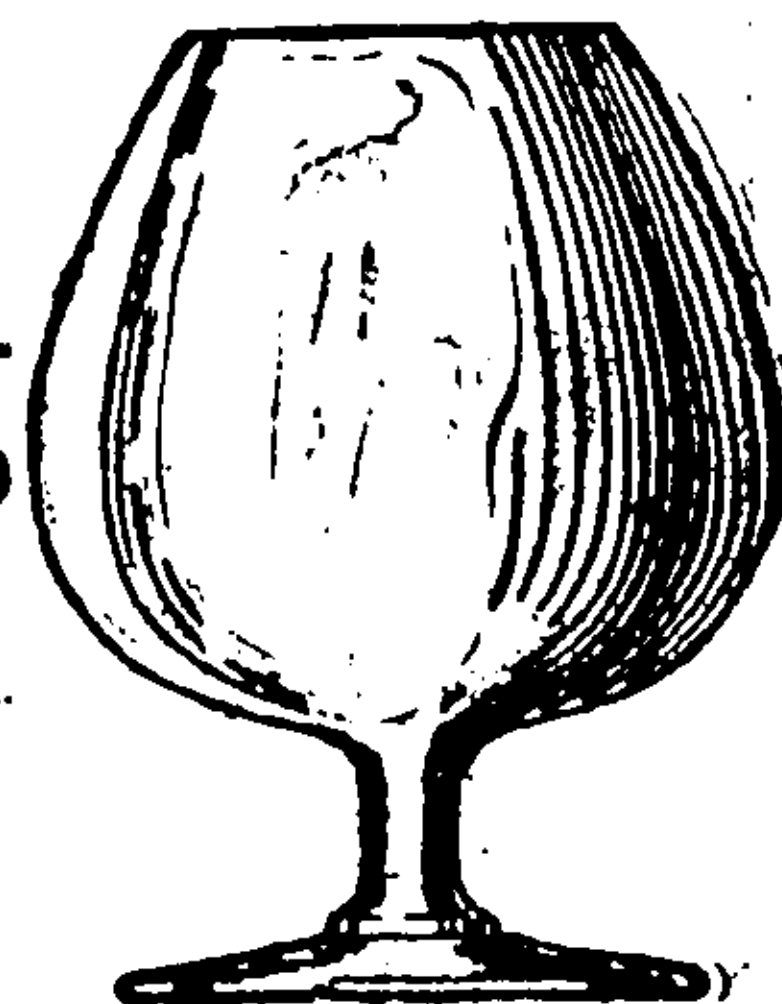
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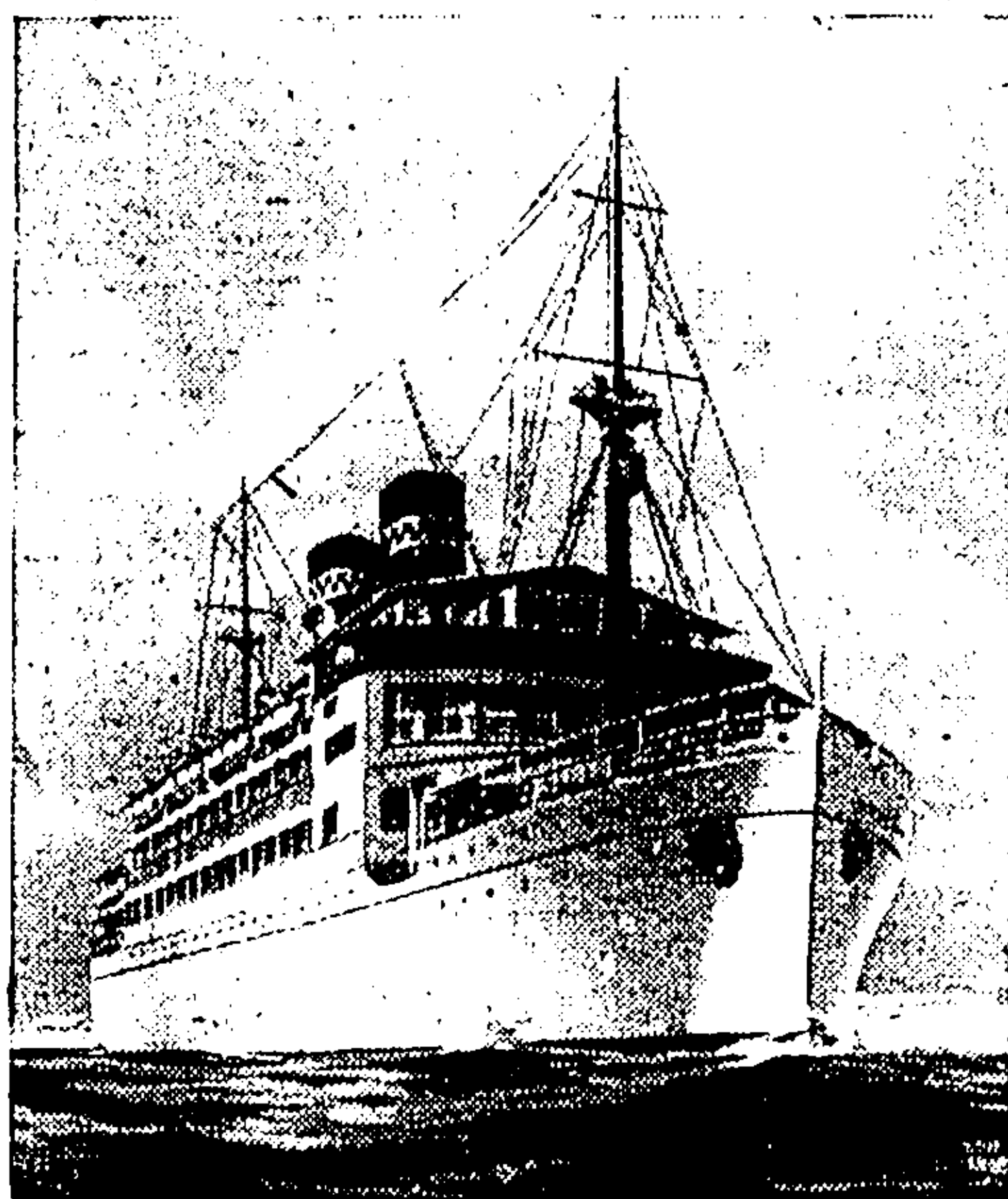
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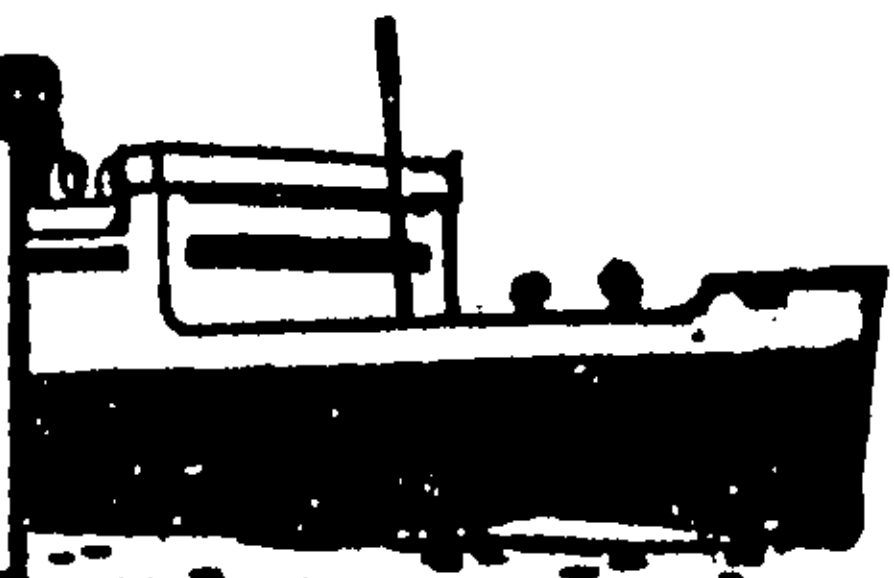
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10.04 p.m.—George Thill (Tenor) and Orchestra Symphonique de Paris.

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Few Cricket Matches Played On Saturday Civil Service Miss Their Chance

K.C.C. Create A Good Impression

By "Adrem"

AS THERE WERE NO CAMPS OR OTHER MILITARY EXERCISES THAT I AM AWARE OF, IT IS RATHER UNUSUAL THAT SO FEW CRICKET MATCHES WERE PLAYED OVER THE WEEK-END.

In addition to the three Junior League games there were only three other fixtures. The University match with I.R.C., was, of course, called off early in the week owing to the fact that the University cricket authorities were desirous of playing off the inter-faculty championship final in time for the presentation of trophies on Sunday.

League matches, in contrast to recent batches of friendly games, were not productive of high scoring and all three had been decided long before time for drawing stumps, which, incidentally is now 6 p.m., still, I think, a little late for this time of the year.

Civil Service almost covered themselves with glory when they dismissed Recreio for a miserable 66 but the splendid bowling of Stone, Smith and Ainslie, that youthful trio of former C. B. S. boys, was wasted as Civil Service in their turn to bat, could only muster 40.

Dreadful Wicket

I am told that the Civil Service wicket was dreadful and that probably had as much as anything to do with the poor scores put together by both sides, but nevertheless Stone's feat of taking 5 for 30, including a hat-trick, is deserving of the highest credit. Soares alone was able to offer anything like a front with the bat and if it had not been for his 31 I shudder to think what the Recreio total would have been.

The Civil Service innings was just one long procession, Silva and Remedios having matters all their own way. Watson, however, made a great effort, to score almost half the Civil Service runs. I was told by a member of the Recreio side that Hollidge was shaping very well and it is practically certain that the runs would have been knocked off easily had he not been caught by Carvalho off Remedios.

P. M. N. da Silva, who, after several seasons in the Recreio senior team during which he has had little to do, is now having the time of his life in junior cricket and, besides taking wickets consistently, rarely fails with the bat.

Value Of E. A. Lee

Features of the match between Police and Craignower were the fine bowling of A. M. Omar and a splendid innings by E. A. Lee. The latter is a really good bat and I don't think he has ever played junior cricket hitherto. If he stays with the second team—and I notice he is down to play for them against I. R. C. on Saturday—Craignower's chances of winning the Junior League should be very rosy as he should provide just that stiffening to the batting that is all that is required to make this team a particularly well-balanced one.

With Carey and Danbrowsky the only members of the Police team to stand up to some steady bowling by the Omar brother—U.M. I am pleased to see is rallying to the support of his brother, who is leading the side this season—and Esmail, the Champions were only able to muster 75.

Craignower had little difficulty in knocking these off, Lee staying in until the task was accomplished and Lam retiring after making 23.

Good Start For K.C.C.

Kowloon Cricket Club, who are favoured by many for the championship, certainly got away to a good start on Saturday, beating their old rivals, Indian Recreation Club, by five wickets.

Baldwin, who I would still like to see in senior cricket, and Baxter were chiefly responsible for I.R.C. being dismissed for 98, A. R.

Suffiad and M. R. Abbas being the most successful I. R. C. batsmen, and then Baxter proceeded to bat right through the K.C.C. innings to play a big part in the Kowloon club's success. Goodban also came off with a bright 24 thus returning to form after a long run of failures.

K. C. C. have a varied attack and are fairly good in the field. With Baxter in such fine form and Madar and Rapley potential run-getters, this team will take an awful lot of beating.

ON "FAST" BOWLING!

By "Adrem"

Of the three friendly cricket matches played on Saturday most interesting was the K.C.C. — Recreio fixture at Cox's Road which nearly saw the downfall of the hitherto unbeatable Champions side.

I do not propose to add to the report I had in the "Sunday Herald" but I feel that in order to maintain a sense of proportion I should reply to certain lengthy criticisms levelled by a contemporary at my usage of the word "fast" when referring to certain members of the K.C.C. attack. I entirely agree with my critic that there are no fast bowlers in the Colony, so possibly the substitution of the word "faster" would have been more correct, but I fail to see why anybody should go to such lengths and wax so indignant over a trivial matter like this. My cricket reports are written for the benefit of local readers, who, like the critic in question, know there are no "fast" bowlers in the Colony, and, being blessed with a certain amount of intelligence, realise that I am referring to Zimmern and Lee when I use the word in a comparative sense.

Griffiths And Zimmern Bat Well

Weakish teams from Club and Craignower were in action at Chater Road, the former team winning by three wickets. Bowlers on both sides did pretty well, Perry, McLellan, Hulse and Esmail all returning fairly good analyses but only Ernie Zimmern, for Craignower, and Griffiths, for Club, came off with the bat.

Griffiths, who has had a return of all his old keenness, is probably batting better at the moment than he has done since his arrival in the Colony, but Ernie Zimmern, prior to this match, had hardly scored a run. As he also topped the 60 mark on Sunday, for the Past against the present students of the University, he appears to have run into his true form which makes him one of the most difficult men in the Colony to dislodge.

The inter-faculty championship final played at Pokfulam, resulted in a win for the Medicals over Arts and Science by the large margin of nine wickets. Batting first, Arts and Science were unable to cope with the deadly bowling of Gegg and Mah-mood and were all out for 73. Mazza being the only member of the team to offer any resistance with a useful 24 Gegg was unplayable later on and took three wickets in his last over for no runs.



A good action study of F. R. Zimmern, the Kowloon Cricket Club opening bowler.

SATURDAY'S BOWLS

The following have been provisionally selected to play in the intra-Northumberland and Durham Association bowls match to be held on Saturday, at Kowloon Dock Recreation Club:—

W. Greig, S. Hodge, Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith and J. Wood.
J. Fraser, N. Hardie, Dean Wilson and J. Radford.
T. W. Carr, M. E. Purvis, E. L. Starling and E. Cermenic.
J. MacGowan, T. E. Pearce, D. Kossiek and J. S. R. Humble.
C. Gowlard, J. Hempsey, A. D. Spoor and T. Waller.
T. Coleman, I. Houston, W. G. Coates and G. Anderson.
W. Hudson, W. McMaster, A. Tate and J. McPherson.
G. Henderson, W. Morrison, G. Bertram and W. Revie.

Arrangements have been made to include all Members who attend and desire to play.

The match will commence at 2.30 p.m. and a supper and concert will follow, commencing at 8.00 p.m.

K.C.C. CRICKET SELECTIONS

The following will represent the K.C.C. in their League cricket matches on Saturday.

First Eleven, versus Craignower, away:—E. C. Fincher, N. D. Lloyd, D. J. N. Anderson, R. E. Lee, D. Hung, A. Zimmern, F. J. Lay, N. A. E. Mackay, E. F. Fincher, F. R. Zimmern, and R. T. Broadbridge, Umpire: J. P. Robinson; scorer, R. Leigh.

Second Eleven, versus Hong Kong University, home:—S. A. Gray, R. Baldwin, E. Curtis, W. L. Rapley, T. A. Madar, K. M. Baxter, H. Brokenshire, F. Goodwin, Major W. W. Parsons, R. J. Fenton, and J. R. Luke, 12th man, G. W. Giffen.

Sunday's Match

A Volunteer eleven will meet a K.C.C. team in an all-day friendly match at K.C.C. on Sunday, starting at 11.30. The following teams have been chosen.

Volunteers:—L. T. Ride, K. J. Attwell, K. M. Baxter, D. G. Day, W. S. Gegg, L. G. Gosano, R. H. Griffiths, T. Lock, T. A. Madar, A. E. Perry, and E. Zimmern. Scorer, C. E. Gahagan.
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Medicals lost 0-8 early but Fenton, who hit hard for 88, and Gull then knocked off the required runs without further loss. Fenton went on to score 88, while Gull made 30. Gegg followed with a brilliant bowling, with a bright 24 for 24. Having regard to Medicals' big score Mazza and Cheung did well to take 9 for 26 and 4 for 34 respectively.

BADMINTON

KING'S SURPRISE CHUNG WAH

By "Adrem"

KING'S COLLEGE caused a big surprise in Junior Division of the Badminton League last night when they beat Chung Wah, hitherto highly fancied for the title, by the odd game in nine and thus established themselves as strong contenders for the championship.

King's actually won the match in the eighth game of the evening, when S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung won their game to make the score in favour of King's 5-3.

Chung Wah got away to a flying start. Choy and Chiu lost their first game, but Lee and W. H. Choy beat Lam and Lo and Chiu and Liang beat Woo and Liu to give them a 2-1 lead. This was increased in the next round when Lam and Lo again lost.

Thereafter, however, there was no stopping the home team, who rattled off the next four games for match.

Although the season has now been in progress for some little time, various members of both sides showed signs of lack of practice. H. T. Woo was playing in his first game this year and it took him the best part of his opening game, which was lost, to settle down, while Choy Wing-chiu, who normally should be one of the best Chung Wah players, was making his first appearance on a badminton court for over 12 months.

Chan and Chung were in excellent form for King's and it was mainly due to their consistency that the College won. Chan provided the speed and subtlety, while Chung played a dashy brand of badminton that had his opponents considerably worried.

While Woo was finding his touch, a good deal of responsibility was thrown on Liu, and right well did he acquit himself. He covered court amazingly well and produced all the shots in the book in the course of the evening.

Lam and Lo did not meet with much success but that will not surprise when it is learned that Lo was suffering from a twisted leg and was only playing because there was not another player to call on. Attwell being engaged on Volunteer exercises.

C. A. Chiu and S. C. Liang were the best visiting pair and did very well to win two games. Mos, exciting game of the evening saw Lam and Lo carry Choy and Chiu the whole distance before losing. Well down, the King's pair drew up to 1-all and "settled" only to fade out of the picture and lose the next five aces in a row.

At Bonham Road, King's College beat Chung Wah by 5 games to 4.

S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung (King's) beat W. C. Choy and K. F. Chiu 21-13
Choy beat F. S. Lee and W. H. Choy 21-8
beat C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang 21-11
H. T. Woo and K. L. Liu (King's) beat Choy and Chiu 21-9
beat Lee and Choy 21-16
lost to Chiu and Liang 5-21
P. Lam and K. H. Lo (King's) lost to Choy and Chiu 19-24
lost to Lee and Choy 11-21
lost to Chiu and Liang 17-21

Police v K. Tong

Police lost to Kowloon Tong by 3 sets to 6.
W. Gillies and L. Gordon (Police) beat Peter Lo and J. Tsang 21-8
beat R. E. Lee and K. M. Lee 21-14
beat S. C. Chan and Lee 21-14
P. MacDonald and H. Dingdale (Police) lost to Lo and Tsang 4-21
lost to Lee and Lee 13-21
lost to Chan and Lee 8-21
R. Hogarth and J. Shepherd (Police) lost to Lo and Tsang 4-21
lost to Lee and Lee 10-21
lost to Chan and Lee 6-21

St. John's v St. Andrew's

St. John's defeated St. Andrew's by 7 sets to 2.

LEAGUE TABLE

	Games	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
King's College	3	3	0	21	8	6	
St. John's	2	2	0	15	3	4	
K.C.C.	2	2	0	13	5	4	
Kowloon Tong	3	2	1	15	12	4	
Chung Wah	2	1	1	11	7	2	
Recreio	2	1	1	10	8	2	
V.R.C.	1	0	1	1	8	0	
St. Andrew's	2	0	2	5	13	0	
Police	3	0	8	6	21	0	

D. Kwok and E. Kennard (St. John's) lost to E. F. Fincher and H. Kew 15-21
beat M. Davies and M. Merrett 21-15
beat E. H. White and J. Tomlinson 21-4
N. Smith and P. Wilson (St. John's) beat Fincher and Kew 21-15
beat Davies and Merrett 21-6
beat White and Tomlinson 24-22
R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd (St. John's) lost to Fincher and Kew 13-21
beat Davies and Merrett 21-11
beat White and Tomlinson 21-5

Recreio v J.R.C.

Recreio beat Jewish R.C. by 8 sets to 1.
C. C. Pereira and A. R. Alves (Recreio) beat B. Dotkin and J. Odell 21-7
beat M. Talan and A. L. Poliak 21-16
beat A. Odell and S. Ramler 21-14
P. A. Yvanovich and P. P. Botelho (Recreio) beat Dotkin and Odell 21-15
beat Talan and Poliak 21-15
beat Odell and Ramler 21-9
A. E. Xavier and A. E. Noronha (Recreio) lost to Dotkin and Odell 7-21
beat Talan and Poliak 21-14
beat Odell and Ramler 21-9

ARMY FULL-BACK OF FUTURE?

By "Scrum-Half"

COMBINED SMALL UNITS, THOUGH NOT AT FULL STRENGTH, GAVE A VERY PROMISING DISPLAY WHEN THEY BEAT CLUB "A" IN THEIR RUGBY MATCH AT THE VALLEY YESTERDAY BY TWO GOALS AND TWO PENALTY GOALS (16 PTS.) TO A GOAL AND A TRY (8 PTS.) AFTER BEING 5-3 AHEAD AT THE INTERVAL.

Features of an open and fast game were Hambro's faultless exhibition at full-back. Army selectors could not possibly have seen him play—and the goal-kicking of Coombes, who kicked all the soldiers' goals.

Small Units, who are likely to make their presence felt in Army Rugby this season, have several inexperienced players in their ranks, but all fifteen played with rare keenness, and the result was that a useful looking Club pack were outplayed in the loose and almost pushed off their feet in the tight scrums during the latter part of the second half. Their forwards must, however, learn to keep the ball at their feet until such time as it bounces up into their hands. Yesterday two tries were thrown away following attempts by forwards to pick up the ball on the run.

Lithauer is a promising three-quarter, knowing the quickest way to the line and tackling hard.

Two Great Tackles

Coombes did not exert himself unduly, but two dazzling runs were brought to a swift conclusion (Continued on Page 15)

COMBINED S. CHINA--EASTERN SOCCER TEAM FOR AUSTRALIA?

Chinese Meet Army In Lai Wah Cup

Applications of South China, Eastern and Sing Tao for permission to tour Australia during the close season, occupied the attentions of the Council of the Hong Kong Football Association at their monthly meeting held last night.

Eastern and South China under a joint letter applied for permission saying that it was hoped that a combined team for both clubs would be able to make the tour. Sing Tao are touring on their own.

Permission was given to the applicants.

Sing Tao also applied for permission to visit Manila during March. They had already made arrangements to have their two League games during that period played before they leave so that they would in no way cause any inconvenience to the fixtures.

Permission was granted for the period asked on the understanding that they would be back for the Shield games.

Eastern For Manila

Eastern applied for permission to visit Manila in April. It was pointed out that though it was hoped that the League would be completed by then, Eastern might be interested in the Shield Competitions, the Semi-Final and Finals of which will be played during that period.

Permission was granted to Eastern only on the condition that they have no commitments with the Association as far as games are concerned during that period.

The draw for the Lai Wah Cup Competition resulted as follows:

Chinese v Army
Navy v Civilians

It was decided that the first game be played at Causeway Bay on Monday January 27 and the second game at Kowloon Football Club on Sunday January 26.

It was also decided that there was to be no increase of prices but that the entertainment tax would be added to the price.

It was also decided that members of the Council would be written to asking if they intend attending the game and on a reply being received in the affirmative seats would be reserved for them.

In order to accommodate the maximum in the covered stand it was also decided that seats in the covered stands should be open to the public for booking.

On Junior Linesmen

Mr. Guimgan stated that there had been complaints from Referees about junior teams not supplying linesmen for the matches. Mr. Lee said that the rules clearly stated that Clubs were to supply efficient linesmen.

It was agreed to write to Clubs

BURTON'S CHARITY EFFORTS

OPEN CHAMPION DICK BURTON IS SECOND ONLY TO COTTON IN THE NUMBER OF MATCHES HE HAS PLAYED FOR CHARITY.

And this is not the only reason why when the Frankenstein of Berchtesgaden has been hurled to his inevitable doom, most golfers will be hoping to see Lancashire's Richard of the lion-heart repeat his St. Andrew's triumph, writes L. V. Manning.

War robbed him of practically all the profits which should follow in the wake of winning the Open. Walter Hagen always said the title was worth 50,000 dollars, and so it was to him.

Burton put it a bit lower than that but he must have cleaned up round about £5,000. It certainly would have meant a great deal to him to play No. 1 in the Ryder Cup match in America as Open champion.

Only he could tell you what a bitter disappointment that cancellation was, but he generously went on giving lessons at his club at Sale at 2s. 6d. a time when he could easily have trebled his charge.

FALSTAFFIAN LINESMAN

Galloping along one of the touch-lines in a recent London football match for the first half-hour was a Falstaffian linesman in a lounge suit.

The crowd for a couple of minutes or so were inclined to jeer, but this soon turned to cheers when they found that not only could he keep up with the play, but was making his decisions with the promptness of a highly-skilled performer.

And the crowd were right, for the portly linesman who until increasing girth caused him to give it up was a senior referee on the League list.

Mr. Williams was deputising for a delayed linesman.

RUGBY

(Continued from Page 14)

only as the result of two brilliant tackles by Charter, who, however, did little else right. Manfield stood out head and shoulders above any forward on view.

For Club Nelson and Morgan were always dangerous, while Olesen, B. Hynes and Lee were outstanding at forward.

Club opened the scoring when Wilson rather fortunately slid on to the ball when it was over the soldiers' line. Needham failed to convert from the touch line. The winners took the lead when Manfield followed up a punt ahead and knocked the ball out of Charter's hands and then went on to score close in for Coombes to kick a goal. In the second half Coombes narrowly missed landing a penalty goal from 35 yards, and soon after Club went ahead when Wilson broke away on the wing to score between the posts for Burford to convert. Small Units came on level terms when Coombes easily kicked a penalty goal from close in, and the soldiers went ahead when Coombes kicked a great goal from 40 yards following obstruction. Coombes

was primarily responsible for the final score as it was following his daring cut through and subsequent tackle by Charter that the ball went loose to Manfield, who cleverly kept the ball from going over the dead line before touching down between the posts for Coombes to convert.

CLUB "A"—Charter: Needham, Godfrey, Nelson and Wilson; Morgan and Clemo; Heasman, Burford, Stark; Benn, Lee; Olesen, B. Hynes and Didsbury.

SMALL UNITS—Hamblin; Macdonald, McPherson, Lithauer and Whybro; Coombes and Scriven; Milne, Chandler, Wigglesworth; Crew, van Milligan; Mohan, Stockham and Manfield.

GAME POSTPONED

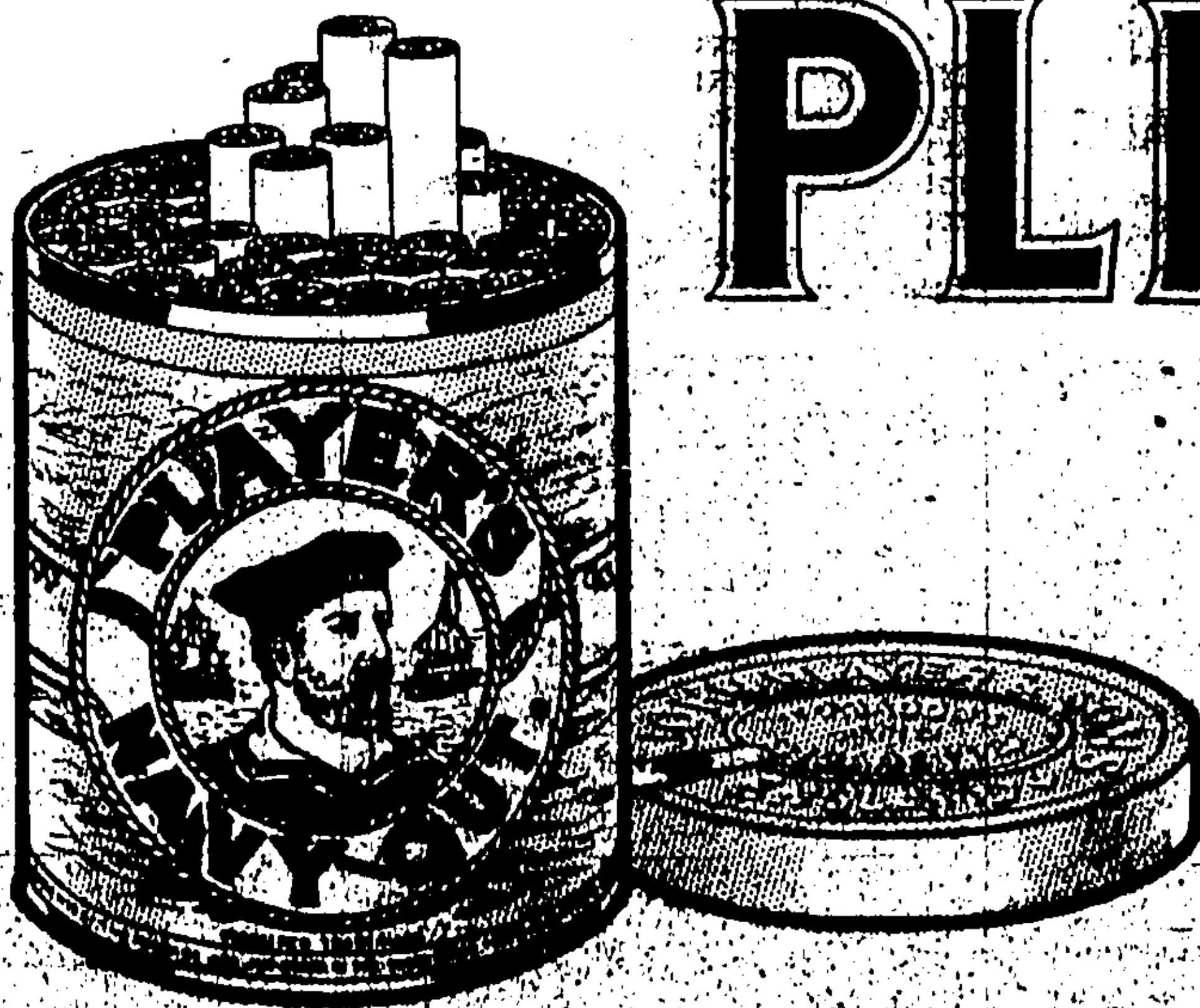
The Quadrangular Rugby Tournament match between Army and Police, scheduled for next Saturday, has been postponed.

Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps will meet Navy at Boundary Street at 4 p.m.

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RUMANIAN RUMOURS

Legation Scoffs At Reports Of Disturbances

Czechs' War Of Nerves

CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAS MAINTAINED A "UNITED FRONT" AGAINST GERMANY, DR. BENES, THE CZECH LEADER, SAID IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

In the factories, the wheels are going slower and slower and a vast system of passive resistance is organised all over the country. "We have heard about Germany's war of nerves," he said.

"Czechoslovakia has a war of nerves going on as well!" Among Germans in Czechoslovakia, he continued, there are evident signs of anxiety for the future, lack of confidence in their leaders and dissatisfaction with the whole regime. — *Reuter.*

AMERICAS BEHIND BRITAIN

Declaring his confidence in a British victory, the Consul-General of Columbia said at Allahabad yesterday that for the first time in history South, Central and North America were joined together to win the war.

"We mean to give Britain all the things she needs," he continued.

India, he declared, must march hand-in-hand with Britain rather

Foreign Office Denial Of Lurid Stories

THE RUMANIAN Legation in London yesterday denied rumours of disturbances in Rumania, while a British oil engineer who has just returned says that Germany will have to send far more troops into the country if she is to get any value out of it.

Communications have been disrupted by the weather, and severe blizzards are the only cause of the disruption, according to the Rumanian Legation.

The British Minister in Bucharest says that there is no confirmation there of reports which have trickled across the frontier of large-scale rioting and sabotage.

The first reports a few days ago spoke of sabotage against the Germans and stated that there was wide-spread ill-feeling against them.

Favourable To Britain

Mr. H. G. Austin, an oil engineer who spent six years working in Rumania, said yesterday that it is possible that the Rumanians are far more favourable to Britain than some people would have us think.

It is quite wrong to say that Rumania is pro-Nazi and helping Germany, he said, and he was not surprised to hear reports of disturbances.

than have the yoke of Japan or Germany around her neck. — *Reuter.*

Sabotage

"I am sure that acts of sabotage will not only continue, but will increase," he continued.

"Germany will have to send considerably more troops if she is to obtain any benefit from Rumanian resources."

He estimated that Germany is not getting more than one-fifth of the available oil and with the Danube frozen he doubted if she was getting as much as one-tenth.

A somewhat better light is shed on the situation in Rumania in a telegram received by the Foreign Office from the British Minister in Bucharest.

The telegram refers to "a lot of grumbling" among the people concerning the arrival of German troops but does not confirm the more lurid stories published abroad of large-scale rioting and sabotage. — *Reuter.*

BOMB DAMAGE IN CITY

Westminster Cathedral, Westminster City Hall and the Temple were among buildings damaged in a recent air raid, it was disclosed in London last night.

Several incendiaries and a high explosive bomb fell on the City Hall and set the first floor of the Council Chamber afire. The Chamber was burnt out and the contents fell to the ground floor.

A considerable amount of superficial damage was done to the building. The robing room was badly damaged by water.

The staff on duty tackled the fire bravely until fire fighters arrived.

The City records, archives and Mace were removed some time ago to various parts of the country, as were portraits of past mayors and pictures of historical scenes.

There were no casualties. — *Reuter.*

"STREET" TAKES IT CALMLY

Publication of President Roosevelt's record-breaking budget aroused no marked reaction on Wall Street and the market took the news of huge prospective expenditures with relative calm.

Observers express some confusion over the budget's double implication of still higher corporation taxes and enormous industrial activity which the defence spending must stimulate. — *Reuter.*

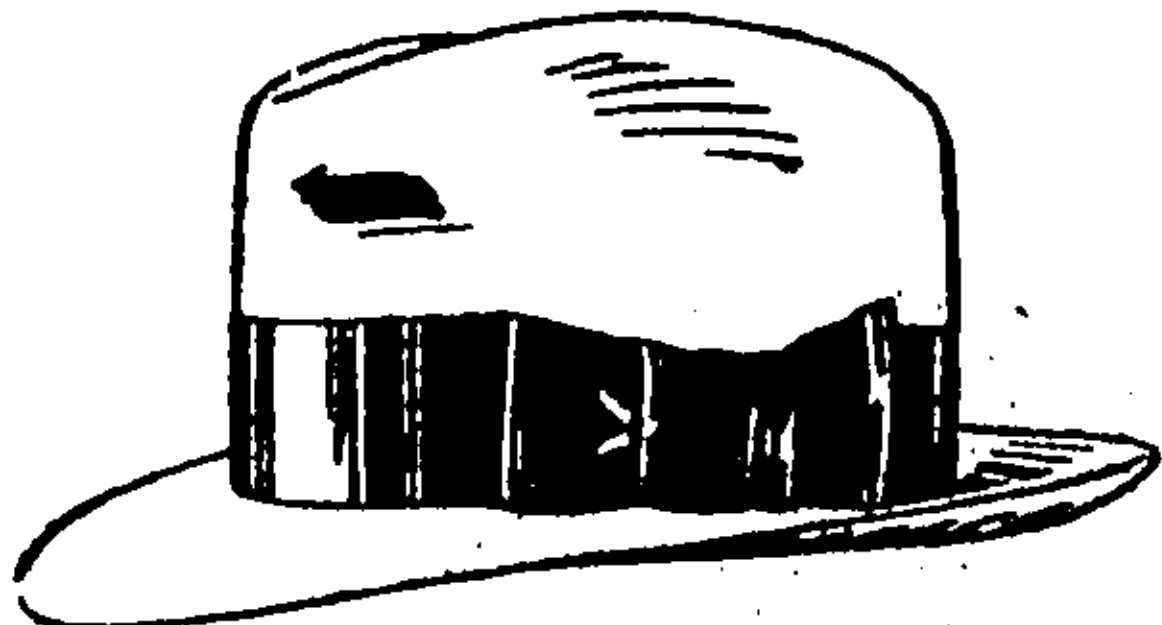


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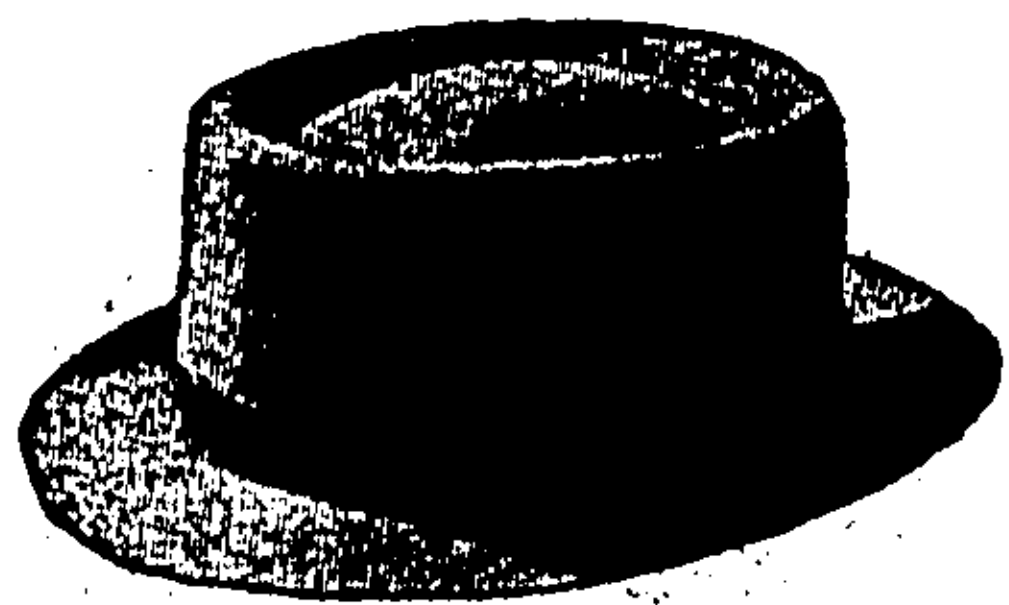


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TOBRUK OPERATIONS MEETING WITH SUCCESS

BALKANS TENSION RISING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rising tension and fears of spreading warfare gripped the Balkans last night as the Bulgarian Premier, M. Filoff, was reported to be planning to resign after returning to Sofia from his visit to Vienna.

The situation in Rumania was reported critical, with the Iron Guard declaring war against the Premier, General Antonescu, and Germany said to be taking stern measures to oppose any sudden Russian move against Rumania.

Increasing numbers of German and Russian troops were reported to be facing each other across the Russo-Rumanian border.—International News Service.

YUNNAN-BURMA RAILWAY TO BE HURRIED

Construction of the western section of the Yunnan-Burma railway will be accelerated shortly, according to information from Chungking received by Rangoon Chinese yesterday.

It is stated a plan has been drawn up by the Ministry of Communications in Chungking and is under consideration by the Executive Yuan.—Reuter.

No Help For Isolated Garrison

BRITISH TROOPS ARE NOW CONCENTRATING AROUND TOBRUK, AND HAVE TAKEN UP POSITIONS WEST OF THIS IMPORTANT PORT. THEY ARE APPARENTLY OPERATING ON THE SAME PLAN WHICH ENABLED THEM TO CAPTURE BARDIA WITH SUCH SMALL LOSS.

A Cairo communique yesterday said that the total of our casualties in the attack on Bardia was less than 600.

London military circles pointed out yesterday that the new concentration will make it impossible for Italian troops to enter or leave Tobruk. General Wavell sent his advance troops in exactly the same way west of Bardia before attacking the town.

more reinforcements and its position is becoming increasingly serious.

No Sign Of Reinforcements

No Italian troop movements have been detected by aircraft reconnoitring over the Tobruk area while the British Imperial forces are hourly closing in on the town.

British headquarters at Cairo are unwilling to make much comment on the nature of the advance but it is gathered that operations are proceeding to the "utmost satisfaction" of the commanders.—Reuter.

(Continued from Next Col.) but the damage was considerably less than that caused by the three bombers yesterday. — Our Own Correspondent.

ITALIANS DEAD IN WAICHOW BOMBING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

In one of the most disastrous air raids in South China, Japanese aircraft bombed the Italian Catholic Mission Church and the Italian St. Joseph's Hospital, in Waichow yesterday, according to a report from the "China Mail" Border Correspondent.

Three Italians — the matron of the hospital and two Jesuit priests — were killed and one Italian missionary wounded.

The latest report on casualties discloses over four hundred killed and wounded, among whom are 20 inmates of the Prison which was partly demolished.

Nine bombs fell along the waterfront, wrecking wharves and destroying two riverboats which have foundered. Many passengers were drowned.

Some 25 shops were razed by bombs falling in three of the main streets.

On Tuesday, over 60 bombs were dropped in the same city (Continued at foot of Preceding Col.)

MYSTERY OF AMY JOHNSON DROWNING

MYSTERY STILL surrounds the death of Amy Johnson, the famous British airwoman, who was drowned after baling out of a 'plane which crashed in the Thames Estuary on Sunday.

It has now been established, stated the Ministry of Aircraft Production in London yesterday, that when Miss Johnson left the airfield on Sunday morning no passenger accompanied her.

The weather report given the aviatrix was bad and her parting words were: "All right, I'm going on top." This indicated she proposed to fly over the bad weather with the clouds below her.

Nothing more was seen of Miss Johnson's 'plane until it came down over the Thames Estuary.

One Parachute

The machine carried sufficient petrol for a four and three quarter hour flight — the exact time between take-off and crash. Her scheduled flight should have taken one hour.

Only one parachute was observed to leave the 'plane before it hit the water.

It is believed Miss Johnson lost her course in bad weather after flying round for several hours her petrol became exhausted and she finally baled out over the Thames Estuary, possibly hoping to alight as near as

possible to one of the vessels in the naval convoy.

No Explanation

Amy Johnson was flying as an Air Transport auxiliary pilot, her duties being to fly completed aircraft from the factory direct to the R.A.F. aerodrome.

There is still no explanation of the second person in the 'plane, seen in the sea by the British trawler Haslemere.

The second person, a man, was nearly rescued by Lt.-Comm. W. E. Fletcher, of the Haslemere, in rough seas, but Fletcher was forced to let him go before assistance arrived and he disappeared. — Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST: — East and north-east winds, moderate to fresh; fair.

Forced To Fight

While some small patrols may be able to slip out, the main Italian garrison will not be able to get away without putting up a fight. It is extremely unlikely that any reinforcements will get through.

There is no indication of the size of the Tobruk garrison.

Tobruk is one of the best harbours in Libya, the harbour being protected by a natural promontory running from west to east and nearly a mile wide and two miles long.

The harbour can be used in all weathers and is deep enough for large warships.

Reuter's special correspondent with British headquarters at Cairo says the Italian garrison at Tobruk is unlikely to receive any

THAILAND ADVANCE ON ANGKOR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE THAILAND LEGATION IN WASHINGTON LAST NIGHT DENIED A REPORT THAT THE THAI GOVERNMENT HAD FORMALLY DECLARED WAR AGAINST INDO-CHINA.

The Legation confirmed, however, that Martial Law has been proclaimed in districts of Thai near Indo-China.

Mr. Luang Bhakdi, the Legation Secretary, said he received his information direct from his Government. — International News Service.

ADVANCE 20 MILES

Supported by the air force, Thai troops penetrated 20 miles within Indo-China territory advancing in the direction of Angkor, the ruins of which are world-famous, according to reliable neutral sources in Shanghai.—Reuter.



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Italian Air Force Loses Half Its Strength In Libya

Damaging Blow Dealt By The R.A.F.

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

ITALY'S EMPIRE AIR FORCE HAS SUFFERED AS DAMAGING A BLOW AS ITALY'S LAND ARMY, PARTLY BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN BRILLIANTLY OUT-MANOEUVRED BY THE R.A.F. AND PARTLY BECAUSE OF THE BRILLIANT STAFF WORK OF THE BRITISH NAVY, ARMY AND AIR FORCE.

Undoubtedly the Italian air force is being reinforced and refitted across the Mediterranean at the cost of big hazards but the history of its participation in the desert air war is one of growing failure.

One month after the British "blitz" opened the Regia Aeronautica in Libya has lost probably 50 per cent. of its original total of front line planes in combat with the R.A.F.

It has lost several advance bases and is suffering a severe shortage in supplies, particularly petrol, thanks to the British Navy.

A total of 250 Italian aircraft, namely about half the original Italian strength in Libya, were certainly destroyed between December 7 and January 7, for the loss of less than 20 British planes.

Losses May Be Heavier

It is considered highly probable that 123 were battered on the ground during R.A.F. raids, and the capture of 40 of these in un-serviceable condition at El Adem suggests that as the British capture new airfields it may be found that Italian air losses have been much heavier than is at present known.

Desert aerodromes are particularly vulnerable, as it is almost impossible to hide aircraft by dispersal.

The strain on Marshal Graziani's air arm is shown by the fact that Italian air activity has dropped steadily after the British capture of Sollum, rallying only for two days—January 4 and 5—in a frantic and fruitless effort to save Bardia.

Dodecanese Strafed

No Italian air operations have been reported from the Dodecanese Islands since the outbreak of the Greek war, the Italian air force there having been virtually "strafed" and starved out of existence by combined R.A.F. activities and the naval blockade.

The plight of Italian squadrons in East Africa is nearly as bad, and it is noticeable that their operations have been severely restricted for some weeks.

R.A.F. Growing Stronger

It is considered that the squadrons, numbering at most 150 aircraft, are in such straits for lack of supplies that maintenance of operations is impossible.

Meanwhile the R.A.F. in the Middle East is growing steadily stronger.

The R.A.F. spokesman in Cairo has just said that reinforcements are pouring in "more rapidly than two months ago."—Reuter.

R.A.F. SNOW RAID ON ELBASAN

A successful raid on military stores and buildings in Elbasan was made on Tuesday by R.A.F. bombers, says an R.A.F. communique issued from headquarters in Greece yesterday.

Snow, sleet and rain were falling in the target area, making observation difficult, but high explosive and incendiary bombs were seen to hit several buildings and a number of fires were started.

All aircraft returned safely despite heavy anti-aircraft fire. — Reuter.

RESULT OF BARDIA

ONE RESULT OF THE BRITISH VICTORY AT BARDIA IS A CHANGE OF OPINION IN BRITAIN'S FAVOUR IN THE KINGDOM OF YEMEN, ACCORDING TO RELIABLE REPORTS RECEIVED IN ADEN YESTERDAY.

Many prominent people in Yemen are stated to have abandoned



A number of evacuee children from the bombed areas of London have found safety at the London County Council Ashford Nursery, Middlesex. The nursery is equipped with shelters where the children can sleep and have their meals if necessary. Photo shows babies sleeping in the shelter. (Copyright, Fox).

MORE G-MEN TO COUNTER ESPIONAGE

An increase of 500 in the number of "G-Men" (Federal Bureau of Investigation) to counter espionage and sabotage is recommended in President Roosevelt's Budget proposals.

The strength of this body already equals the peak of the last war at 1,500.—Reuter.

any support for Italy in favour of Britain.

One indication of general opinion as to an Italian defeat in the war is that lire are nowhere accepted while sterling circulates freely.—Reuter.

RUHR HIT BY R.A.F. RAIDS

Coal production in the Ruhr district of Germany has seriously declined, probably owing to R.A.F. activities, according to information reaching the Ministry of Economic Warfare in London yesterday.

One estimate puts the reduction as high as 40 per cent compared with pre-war production. On the whole, however, there is evidence that coal production generally has been maintained but there is a considerable shortage of supplies to consumers, owing to distribution difficulties.

R.A.F. Interference

R.A.F. interference with railway traffic and the shortage of railway wagons appear to be the main causes of the shortage. There is also said to have been a considerable falling off in German coal exports to Italy and other countries.—Reuter.

DAYLIGHT RAIDS

R.A.F. FIGHTERS SHOT DOWN AN ENEMY BOMBER OFF THE SUSSEX COAST, AT ANCMERING, YESTERDAY.

The bomber was one of a few which attempted single daylight raids in widely scattered areas of England.

Bombs were dropped on a town in the Midlands and a town in East Anglia but the number of casualties was small and damage slight.—Reuter.

LOSING NO TIME TO HELP BRITAIN

Progress is being made, said Representative Raeburn, Speaker of the House, after conferring yesterday with Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, and Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of Treasury, about aid for Britain.

Mr. Raeburn hinted that legislation might be considered by the House and Senate simultaneously.

He said: "There is going to be as little time lost as possible."

Other sources in Washington disclosed that an arms programme of \$10,000,000,000 for aid to Britain was being studied. — Reuter.

GREECE WILL NOT YIELD

"Whatever the circumstances are the Greeks will not yield," declared the Press Minister, M. Nicoloudis, in Athens yesterday replying to New Year wishes from foreign correspondents.

Mr. Nicoloudis declared: "Our great leader and Premier Metaxas, by his historic refusal on the night of October 28, to submit to Italian violence, brought back a tired world to the realisation of the duty of dying for honour and liberty."

"The struggle continues and will be long and hard."

"We do not know what complications, what forces and what trials we shall have to face, but you can tell your countries and the world that the Greeks will not be afraid, they will not yield; they will fight on to the end and will conquer." — Reuter.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Business on the London Stock Exchange yesterday was mainly of a specialised character. Speculative buying and the satisfactory progress of the war in the Middle East were responsible for a rise in oils. Broadening demand, especially from the provinces, caused a sharp advance in home rails. Kaffirs, notably non-producers, advanced on Cape buying. Elsewhere conditions were quiet though industrialists showed some firm spots. Wall Street was quiet and steady.—Reuter.

FRENCH SPITFIRE FUND

A Spitfire Fund for the Free French Forces in Britain has been opened with 2,500.

This sum was handed to General de Gaulle yesterday by the Association of Frenchmen in Britain. The first Spitfire to be purchased from the funds will be named General de Gaulle.—Reuter.



TO-MORROW

KING'S

AMERICAN NAVY CHANGES

Far-Reaching Reorganisation Announced

New C-In-C's "Undisclosed Duties"

FAR-REACHING reorganisation of the United States Navy, which in future will be divided into three fleets — Atlantic, Pacific and Asiatic — was announced in Washington yesterday by Col. Frank Knox, Secretary of Navy.

Col. Knox further announced that President Roosevelt has authorised an increase of 42,000 in the Navy's man-power.

He also said that Rear-Admiral Husband Cimmel is replacing Admiral James Richardson as Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific Fleet and will report to the Secretary of Navy for duties at present undisclosed.

The present Atlantic Patrol force, Col. Knox said, now includes about 125 ships, and the principal change in that respect was the change of name.

Destroyers For Britain

The Navy Department, he disclosed, intends to ask Congress for authority to build 280 auxiliary vessels such as submarine chasers, minesweepers and patrol boats.

Asked concerning the possibility of releasing more American destroyers for Britain, Col. Knox said: "I don't think any more destroyers can be detached from our Fleet without seriously impairing its efficiency."

Col. Knox added, however, that the final decision did not rest with him.

No Increase In Asiatic Fleet

Colonel Knox declared that it is not intended to increase the Asiatic Fleet's strength at present.

The Navy planned to hold the usual fleet manoeuvres in the Pacific this Spring, but the arrangement might be changed without notice.

The increase of 42,000 in personnel raises the Navy's man-power to 232,000, including reserves on active duty. — Reuter.

RECORD U.S. PUBLIC DEBT

President Roosevelt's estimated deficit of \$9,210,000,000 will create a record public debt of \$58,367,000,000 and this will automatically require the raising of the present debt limit of \$49,000,000,000.

This compares with \$16,185,000,000 when the annual deficits started in 1931.

Meanwhile, the new record of \$87,000,000,000 in the national income would exceed the boom year of 1929 by \$7,000,000,000.

The amount the President has allotted for National Defence will comprise \$3,447,000,000 for the Navy, \$5,956,000,000 for the Army and \$407,000,000 for various agencies, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation and \$1,000,000,000 for future allotment.

President Roosevelt's 1,000-page budget book simplifies defence appropriations in detail. Observers say this conforms with the increasing official tendency to shield information from possibly hostile eyes. — Reuter.

AMERICANS TO PAY MORE

Stiff increases in Income Tax and excess profits tax are predicted by officials in Washington as the immediate result of President Roosevelt's Budget proposals.

Tax revenues under the present budget programme will reach the highest point in American history but nevertheless President Roosevelt recommended additional taxation.

Ways and means were, however, left to Congress.

Tax experts consider income tax the most logical means of raising additional revenue and that the rate will increase to 10 per cent.

Increases in gift and estate levies are also predicted. — Reuter.

BRITAIN TO LET SUPPLIES INTO FRANCE

AT PRESIDENT Roosevelt's personal request a special shipload of foodstuffs and clothing is to pass through the British blockade from the United States to unoccupied France for distribution under the direct control of the American Red Cross.

The President's request, it was stated at the Ministry of Economic Warfare in London yesterday, was addressed to the British Government during the past few days. The goods consist of Vitamin A concentrates and clothing.

It is stressed in authoritative quarters that this concession, which is being made solely for the relief of children in unoccupied France, in no way alters the British policy of blockading France as a whole.

The fact that the administration of relief goods is being undertaken by the American Red Cross is considered sufficient guarantee that they will, in fact, reach the children for whom they are intended.

Wheat For Spain

The goods are being shipped in the same vessel as a cargo of wheat consigned to Spain by the United States.

When unloaded, at a Spanish port the vessel will proceed to a port in unoccupied France.

In addition to this shipload it is understood that a small consignment of Vitamin A concentrates, which had been detained in Bermuda, will be able to proceed.

They are being taken to unoccupied France by the well-known dress designer, Madame Schiaparelli, who is returning from the United States to Paris.

Further Relief

It was stated in London yesterday that if the present shipment safely reaches the proper destination, further quantities of relief food for children in unoccupied France will be allowed through the blockade from time to time.

President Roosevelt, it was added, was well aware of the distinction in such cases between occupied and unoccupied France. — Reuter.

GREEK PEOPLE'S MIRACLE

Creation of a third period of Greek civilisation as a result of the victorious conclusion of the present war was predicted yesterday by General Metaxas.

The occasion was a presentation to him of a bronze copy of a statuette of Pallas Athene by Machos dating from the sixth Century.

Disclaiming credit for creating Greece's moral strength, General Metaxas said that it had been dormant and re-awakened and given a forward pulse.

"The miracle which has been accomplished," he said, "is the work of the Greek people. It is in this that its significance lies." — Reuter.

GIFTS FROM ASSAM

ASSAM, WHICH HAS ALREADY CONTRIBUTED ENOUGH TO THE R.A.F. FOR FOUR FIGHTERS, HAS NOW SENT \$20,000 FOR A BOMBER.

In addition, £900 has been sent to the Lord Mayor's Fund for air-raid victims and a further £500 is to be distributed among the British Red Cross and several funds for the benefit of the armed forces. — Reuter.

MEAT RATION VARIATIONS ANNOUNCED

Owing to the diversion of shipping for war purposes to the Middle East, the Ministry of Food announces it will be necessary during the next few months to vary the meat ration at short notice within the range of 1/- and 1/6d.

The Ministry will announce the amount of the ration week by week and for the current week it will be 1/2d.

Supplies to catering establishments will be correspondingly reduced. — Reuter.

The Axis Doesn't Care!

The Axis is indifferent to the New World, according to a statement broadcast from Rome Radio in reply to President Roosevelt's speech to Congress.

The statement added: "President Roosevelt repeats the absurd opinion that a victory of the Axis would constitute a menace to America, although anybody with knowledge of European affairs knows perfectly well that the first principle of the Axis policy is always the Monroe Doctrine, namely, complete disinterest in the New World."

"We are prepared to go further. By the New World we mean not only the North and South American continents but Australia, New Zealand and all the islands in the Pacific."

The announcer added: "What we resent is that the American President should impose his system on us and if any attempt is made to do so then it will mean war, but it will not be we who are the aggressors. It will be America." — Reuter.

SOVIET INTEREST IN ROOSEVELT

President Roosevelt's speech to Congress has received wide mention in the Soviet press, and is not liked by the German and Japanese press.

The official Soviet newspaper "Pravda" ran a 700-word article under a double-column heading. The German press is to be instructed to say that it was a provocation to Germany, Italy, Japan, and Russia. It was revealed in Berlin yesterday.

A Berlin spokesman said that the German press will describe it as provocative and "arrogant beyond description."

The Japanese press takes the same violent line, the Tokyo "Nichi Nichi" grumbling that it is aimed equally at Japan, which is fighting China. — Reuter.

Italian G.O.C. Missing

General Berganzoli, the commander-in-chief at Bardia, is missing, says a Cairo communique. It is possible he escaped in a motor-boat held specially for that purpose.

The communique reveals that on the night Bardia fell, General Berganzoli and two Blackshirt Divisional commanders deserted, leaving the regular commanders to carry on.

One of the Blackshirt commanders has been picked up north of Bardia.

General Berganzoli and the others are still missing, and it is probable that they left in a motor boat reserved for that purpose. The search is continuing.

The commander taken prisoner is General Antonelli, Commander-in-Chief of the First Blackshirt Division.

Crept Through Cordon

The spokesman at Cairo last night suggested that the Black-shirt general who has since been captured may have been mistaken for General Berganzoli.

The open rocky nature of the terrain, said the spokesman, doubtless facilitated escape from Bardia.

Before the British forces launched the final onslaught it might have been possible for a small batch of Italians to creep through the cordon round the town. — Reuter.

AMERICAN WHEAT FOR SPAIN

Conditions upon which the American Red Cross would send a cargo of wheat or flour to Spain, to meet immediate civilian requirements, have been communicated to the Spanish Government, stated Mr. Norman Davis, Chairman of the American Red Cross, in Washington yesterday.

If such a cargo were sent it would presumably be a separate shipload and additional cargoes already announced as being sent to Europe.

The conditions were not specified in the Washington announcement but it is believed that the American Red Cross is requiring an assurance that it will be given complete freedom in handling supplies. — Reuter.

APPEASER TO RETURN?

THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT IS STILL IMPATIENT ABOUT THE DELAY IN THE CABINET RECONSTRUCTION AT WIMBORNE IN FAVOUR OF THE GERMANS AND THE GERMANS' TROUBLE RADIO LAST NIGHT YESTERDAY GAVE SOME INDICATION OF WHAT THE NAZIS WANT.

It was expected that Radio that M. Bonnet (who is a noted pro-German) will join the Cabinet and that other Ministers not favoured by Germany will go. — Reuter.

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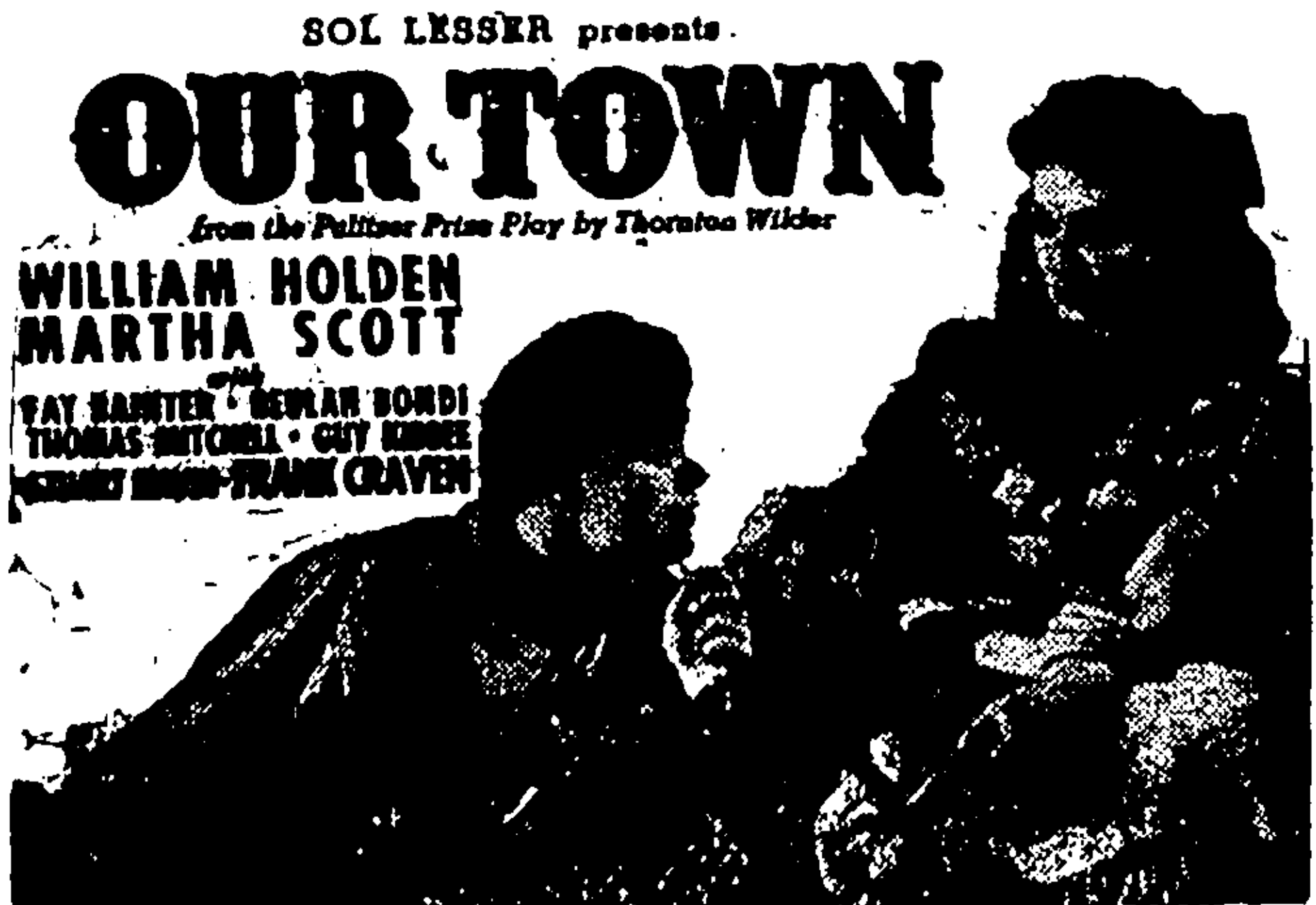
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SATURDAY: "WAY OF ALL FLESH"

ANGLO-PORTUGUESE TIES RENEWED IN LISBON

RENEWED ASSURANCE of the friendship uniting Britain and Portugal were expressed in Lisbon yesterday when Sir Ronald Campbell, new British Ambassador to Portugal, presented his credentials to President Carmona.

Sir Ronald referred to "two countries, which by tradition, independent spirit and the extent and strength of their colonial empires, have many characteristics and interests in common."

President Carmona, replying, expressed a view that the friendship between the two countries might become even more fruitful, and conveyed to the King sincere wishes for his personal happiness and the prosperity of his Empire.

Sir Ronald said Britain would continue to follow with sympathy the destiny of the Portuguese people. This sympathy would be greater in that the events which have been rending Europe for the past 18 months had in no way disturbed a friendship sealed with a time-honoured alliance binding the two countries and to which His Majesty remained wholly faithful.

would find a sincere echo in the feelings of admiration in Portugal for "your noble nation and the high virtues of which she is so justifiably proud."

Wide Understanding

The friendship between Britain and Portugal, which grave events had in no way been able to disturb, must be inspired by a wide and mutual understanding.

Purpose of the Ambassador's mission, which was to make this friendship even more fruitful, was in keeping with the President's sincere wishes. — Reuter.

Duke Of Kent's Visit

President Carmona expressed appreciation that the Ambassador had recalled the traditional friendship and common interest existing between the two countries.

The visit which the Duke of Kent paid to Portugal at the time of the Centenary celebration was striking evidence of British sympathy with the Portuguese.

The Ambassador's tribute to the spirit of the Portuguese people.

AUSTRALIAN ARMOUR CORPS

ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AUSTRALIAN ARMOUR CORPS AT A COST OF SEVERAL MILLION POUNDS IS ANNOUNCED IN AGENCY MESSAGES FROM MELBOURNE.

Provision is eventually contemplated for one armoured division of the A.I.F., comprising two armoured brigades and ancillary troops.

Production of tanks will be undertaken in Australia, the scheme being carried out under the direct control of the Chief of the Australian General Staff. It is understood that officers of the Royal Armoured Corps who have been associated with mechanized units in France will assist in training the new units. — British Wireless.

BERMUDA DISPUTE

In spite of the fact that London has yet received no report from Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador at Tokyo, concerning the Japanese protest over the detention of Japanese subjects in Bermuda, authoritative quarters in London observed that Great Britain must conform strictly to regulations for the purpose of enforcing the blockade during wartime.

They pointed out that this necessity should be appreciated by the Japanese who themselves have enforced stringent measures affecting foreign rights, interests and persons in their occupied areas of China. — Central News.

SPANISH AMBASSADOR RECALLED

The Spanish Ambassador to Italy, Senor Garcia Condey Mendez, has been recalled and told to hold himself at the disposal of the Spanish Foreign Office, said a Madrid despatch to the Italian Stefani agency in Rome yesterday.

Senor Mendez became Ambassador to Italy in July, 1937, shortly after an Italian Ambassador had been accredited to General Franco's Government. — Reuter.

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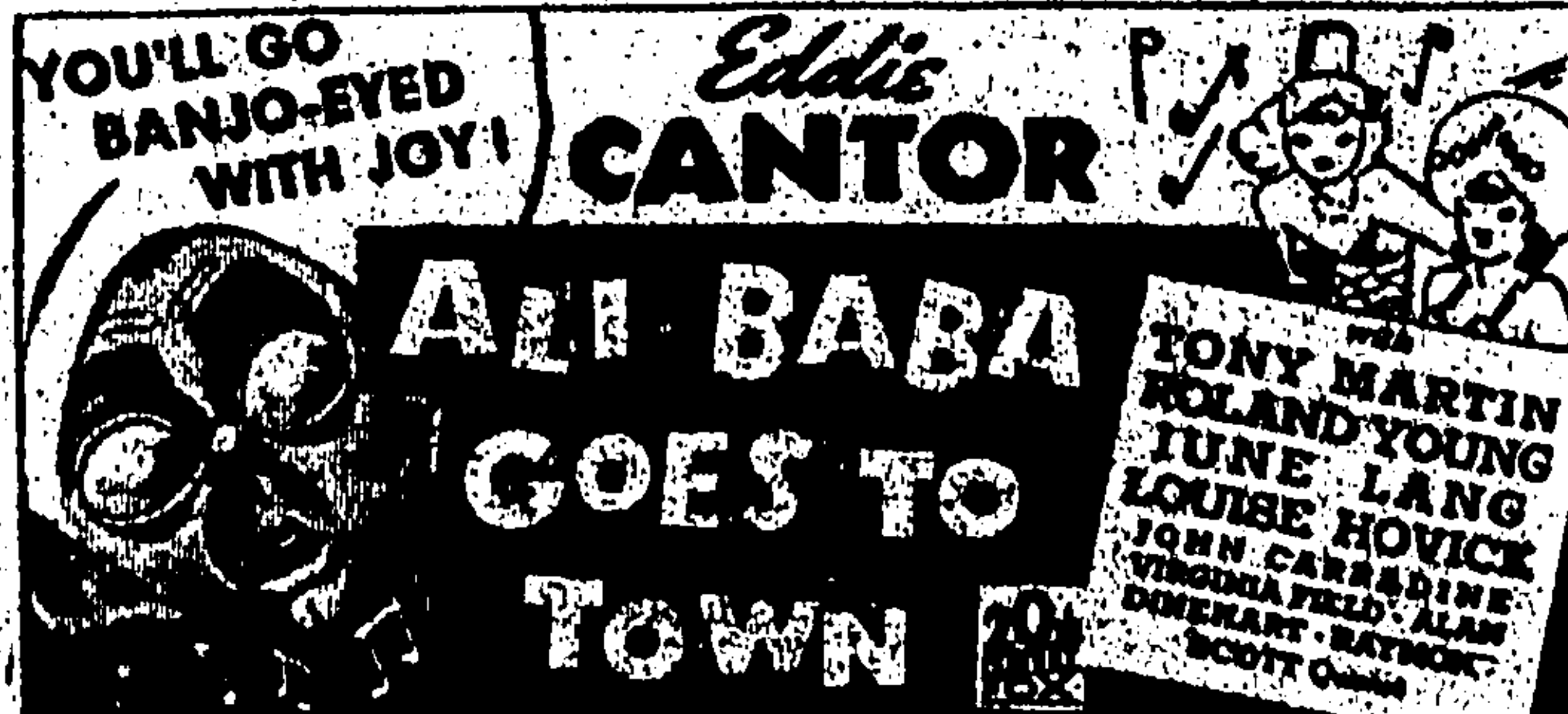
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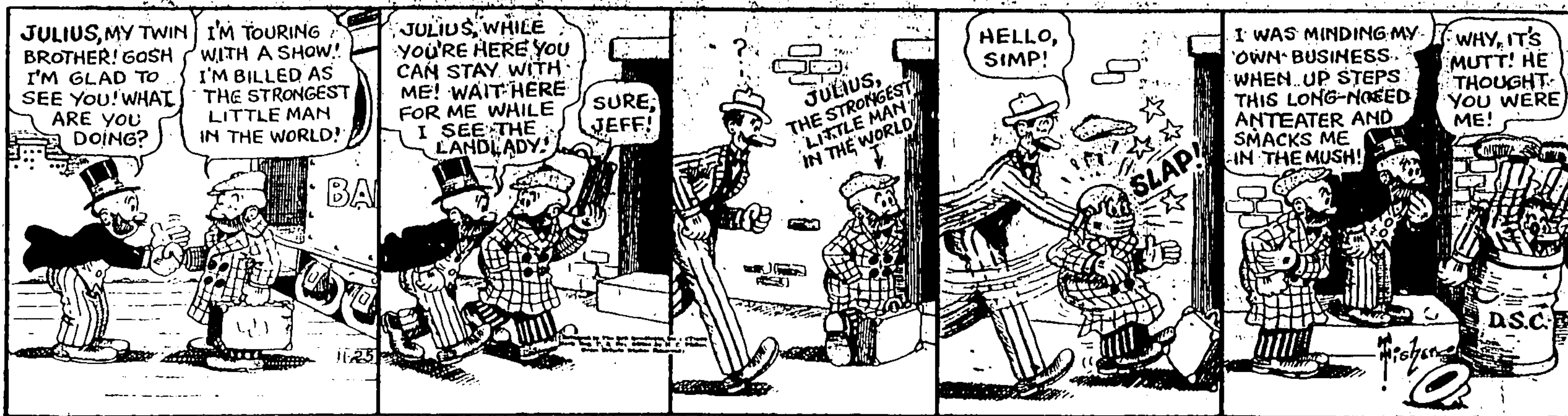
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PORTUGUESE CHARGED

A burglary at Messrs. K. Weiss's branch shop, No. 94, Nathan Road, on November 13 had a sequel before Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning, when a 22-year-old Portuguese was charged with breaking into the shop, with stealing eight suits, eight pairs of trousers and eight overcoats and with receiving one overcoat.

The accused is Noel Sylvio, described as an odd job worker, residing at No. 17, Nanking Street, third floor.

Pleading not guilty to the charges, accused was remanded for two days in police custody for further enquiries.

Det.-Sgt. A. F. Estall is in charge of the case.

BAG SNATCHER SENTENCED

Pleading guilty to the theft of a handbag from Mrs. M. H. Lo, of No. 62, Conduit Road, Cheung Wah, 33, unemployed tailor was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K. C., at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Mrs. Lo was shopping in Fat Hing Street, near Possession Street, when defendant snatched her handbag about 11.45 a.m. yesterday.

Sergeant Brown prosecuted.

KOWLOON GODOWNS THEFT

Pleading guilty to breaking into the Kowloon Godowns; and to stealing 23 bundles of cotton yarn; Lam Yau-tat, 20, was sentenced to three months' hard labour, and ordered to be expelled by Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning.

Early on Tuesday morning accused was seen in a suspicious manner near the Godowns by a Chinese constable who chased and arrested him.

Accused admitted that he climbed to the roof of No. 6, Upper Godown, removed two sky-lights, and entered the godown from which he stole the cotton yarn.

UNEMPLOYED CHARGED

A 29-year-old unemployed shop foki, Li Kam, was charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K. C., at the Central Magistracy this morning, with robbery on January 4.

It was alleged that defendant, with another man not in custody, robbed Mrs. Inez Soares of a handbag in Stubbs Road.

Defendant was formally remanded for one week.

Detective Sub-Inspector W. N. Darkin is in charge of the case.

MURDER CHARGE DISMISSED

Remarking that the evidence of the Crown only disclosed that the deceased man died as a result of wounds sustained in a fight in which the defendants took part, and that there was no evidence to show that there was any intention to murder, Mr. E. Himsforth dismissed a charge of murder preferred against two Chinese at Kowloon this morning.

Accused were alleged to have murdered a cook, Chan Fuk on December 12.

Accused are now charged with wounding and were remanded for 24 hours.

ARMS FOUND IN LEIGHTON HILL

An application for the confiscation of a revolver and four rounds of ammunition was granted Detective Sergeant J. Bentley by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K. C., at the Central Magistracy this morning.

The revolver and ammunition were found in a scavenging lane at the rear of Leighton Hill Road yesterday.

ABDUCTION CHARGE

Four persons were remanded for one week by Major A. N. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning when they were charged with abduction of a 15-year-old girl on December 24.

Accused are Chan Hing, 36, travelling trader, Lam Mui-sui, 17, spinster, Lam Lol, 50, and Wong Lim, 48, married woman.

DIAMOND RING STOLEN

Wong Yuk-tong, manager of a jewellery shop at No. 14, Lyndhurst Terrace, has reported the theft of a diamond ring, valued at \$400.

The alleged thief, pretending to be a customer, asked to see the ring. He ran out of the shop when the foki attended another customer.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is stationary and unchanged over China, pressure remaining highest over Manchuria.

The depression is situated to the north-east of the Bonins, moving north-eastward.

Charged with conspiring with others not arrested, to steal 690 bags of flour, 50 bags of rice, 16 bags of sugar and 14 bags of seeds, from the Wing Fat-cheung firm in December, Lai Foo, 32, master of Junk No. T905H, was remanded for 48 hours by Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning.

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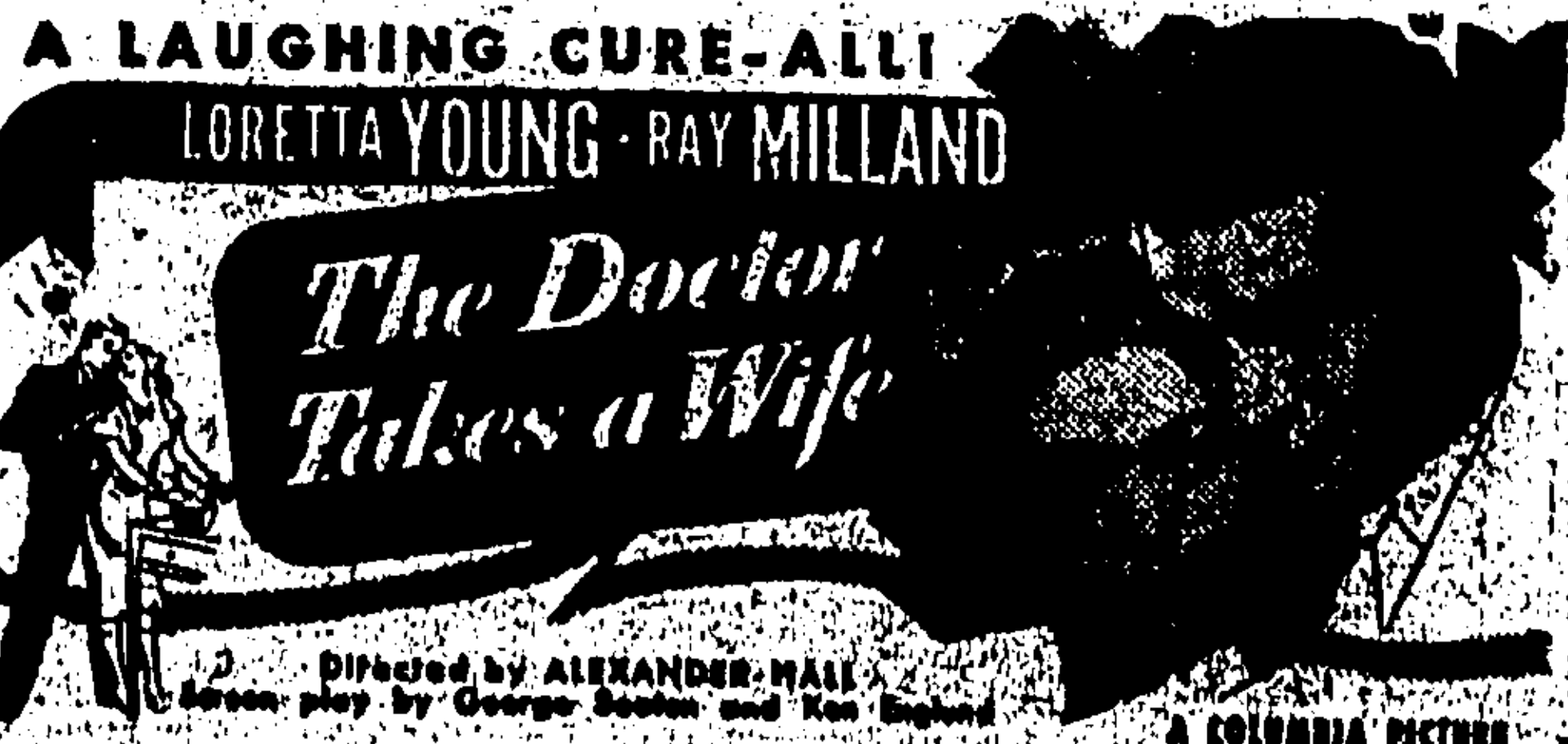
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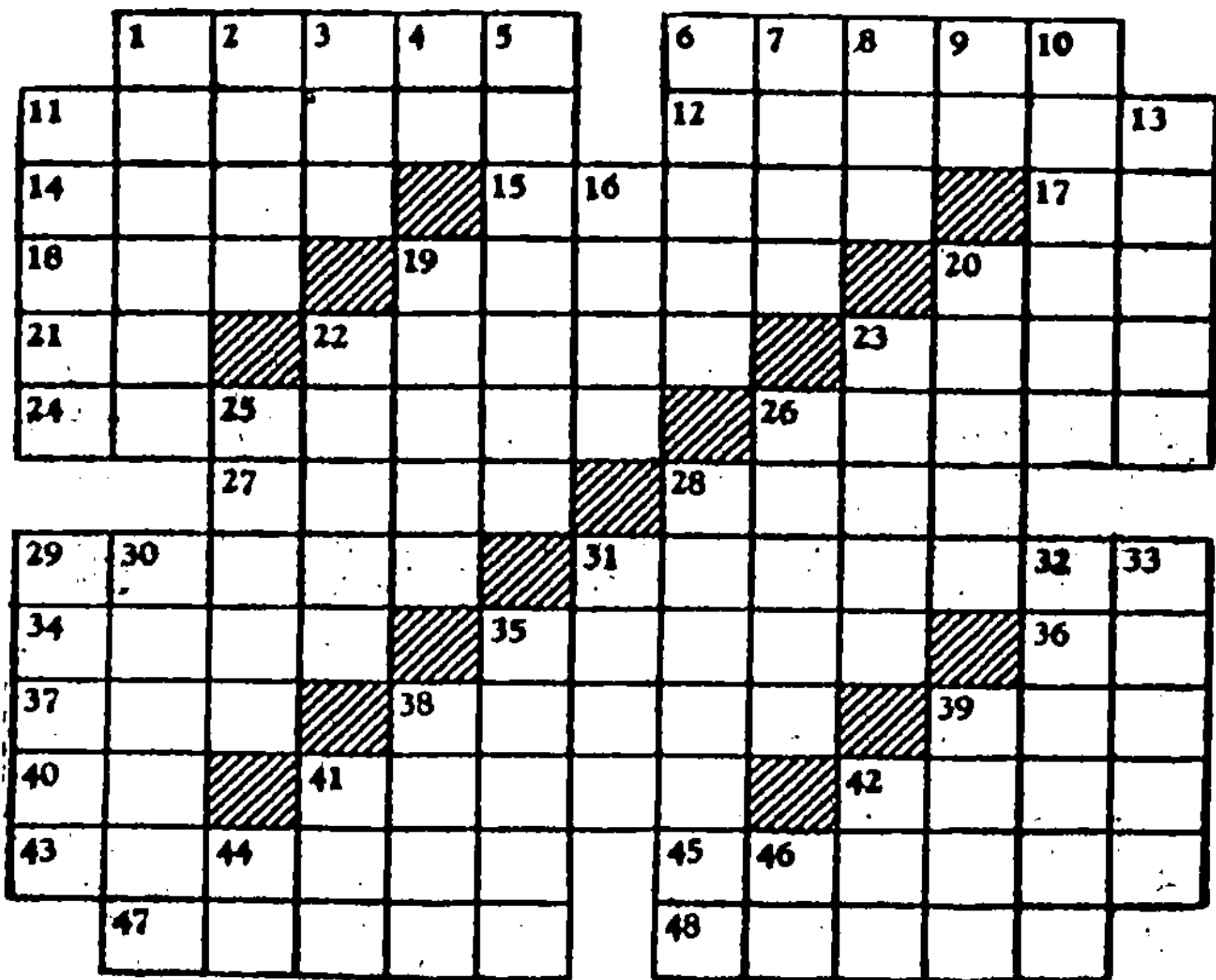


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- 21 Symbol for tellurium
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- 23 To abominate
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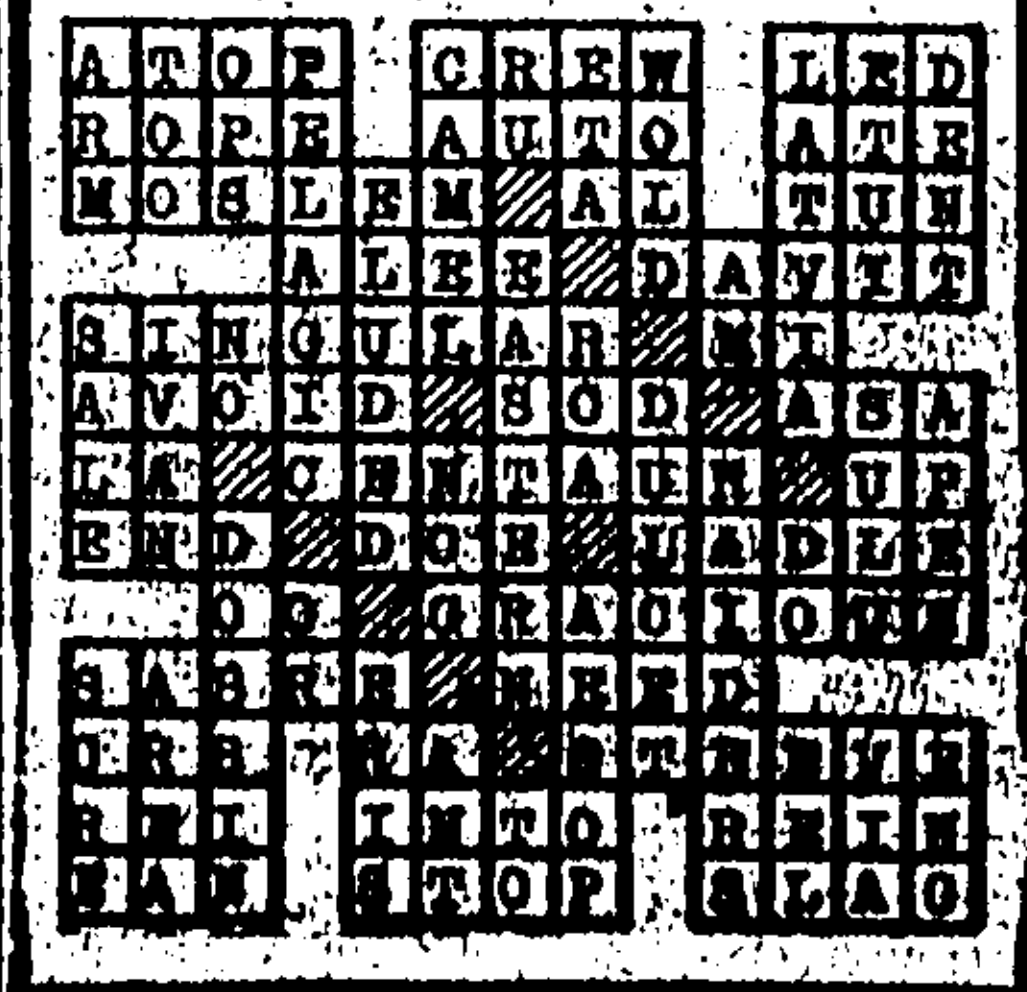
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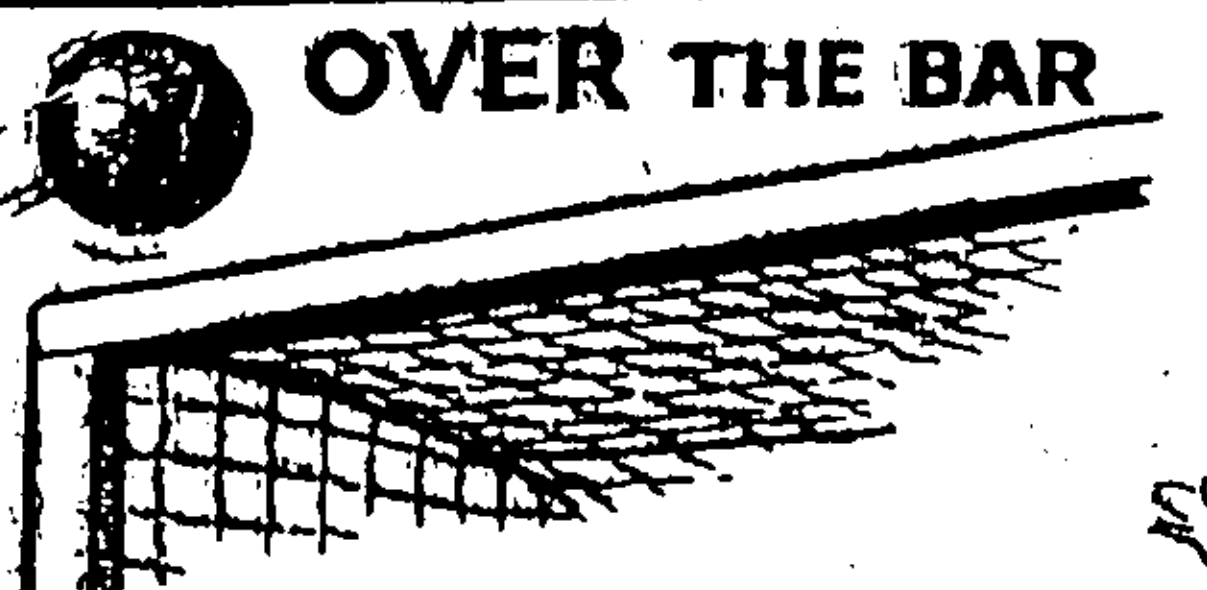
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HOW THE R.A.F. PICK ITS MEN

GERMAN DAY-AND-NIGHT air attacks on Britain have not affected the training of pilots. This I was told by the commanding officer of one of the largest flying training schools in the country, writes Ronald Walker, "News Chronicle" air correspondent.

"War operations over a small country like Britain have not cut down the output of pilots, as some people seem to imagine," he said. "More and more pilots are being trained."

Yesterday I wrote about the training of ground personnel. Flying training is not more important, but it cannot help but be more exciting. This is the branch which supplies to the squadrons the pilots and other flying personnel, including navigators, observers, radio operators and gunners.

The pupil of to-day has to work much harder than his pre-war comrade.

Not only has the system of training been changed, but the time allowed has been reduced; the same high standards of proficiency are maintained.

Under the pre-war system the pupil learned to fly at a civilian training school, gaining at least 50 hours' flying experience before putting on uniform.

Young men to-day can choose flying duties, but they have first to pass a preliminary medical test. The Aviation Candidates' Selection Board looks them over and tests their knowledge of mathematics and trigonometry. Then the doctors have a second session.

"Ginger" Course

If the candidate passes through this searching test he is passed on to a Receiving Wing to be put into uniform and taught how to behave in it. All pilots and flying personnel have to begin in the ranks to-day.

Now an airman, the pupil goes to an Initial Training Wing, where he is given an intensive gingering-up course, and elementary instruction in mathematics, navigation, armament and signals.

Flying instruction begins at the Elementary Flying Training School, where he makes his first cross-country flight and does a little "blind" flying in covered cockpit with the instructor in front watching for trouble.

It is during this period that the young pilots are selected for fighters or bombers. A lad with dash, with split-second reactions, is more likely to be chosen as a fighter. The quieter, steadier lad, with ample patience, qualifies for bombing.

Fighter pilots go to their O.T.U. and are not concerned with other personnel, but the bomber pilot is just one member of the crew of a bomber.

While he is under training, observer-navigators, air gunners and radio operators are passed through their own particular schools. At the bomber Operational Training Unit the crew members come together.

Crews are selected, and from that moment they are trained as a unit.

Close Families

This method of training as working units has been largely responsible for the success of R.A.F. bombing raids. The crews of heavy bombers have become close families.

I arrived one night at a Service Flying Training School. Through low-lying mist we drove some miles to a landing ground where, to my surprise, the landing lights were on.

Pupils were doing night-flying practice in twin-engined monoplanes, flying round and round the field, landing and taking off to the light signals from the control officer.

It was at this flying field that a pupil pilot on a solo flight recently rammed a Heinkel bomber. The young pilot and all the crew of the Heinkel were killed. When I asked the control officer what happened if enemy aircraft arrived, he said: "We've a job to do, and we carry on."

Mechanical Teacher

During the day the pupils divide their time between the classrooms and the aerodrome. Their first attempts at bombing are done on the ground in the bombing teacher.

In the roof an elaborate instrument projects on to the white floor below an air photograph of a strip of country.

This moves as the ground would move under an aircraft, and also allows for wind drift. The pupil has then to drop imaginary bombs on a given spot, using the bomb sight in the ordinary way and pressing a button for the release.

The moving picture stops and a light spot shows just where the bomb would have fallen.

The commanding officer told me that the standard of recruits is excellent.

"It was good before the war," he said. "To-day, the standard is better than ever."

TROOPS LEAVE DEVIL'S ISLAND

Hollow-eyed, fever-ridden fugitives from Cayenne, notorious prison colony in French Guiana, who have reached St. Thomas, in the Virgin Islands, in a small boat, revealed that the French troops and police stationed there have abandoned the settlement in a body.

They have gone to enlist under General de Gaulle, leader of the Free French forces.

Henri Roulet, leader of the fugitives, told the authorities at St. Thomas that the only prisoners now remaining are 300 at Devil's Island.

All those at Cayenne itself, he said, have been liberated. Many Germans and Italians have arrived at Cayenne, said Roulet, and are trying to establish order.

Devil's Island, one of the most notorious penal settlements in the world, was the place of detention of Dreyfus, till he was cleared, after twelve years, of the false accusation of treason.

INDO-CHINA TO MOVE CAPITAL?

A Shanghai report from Hanoi states that the capital of the Indo-China Government will be removed to Saigon next week.

Saigon is the chief town and port of southern Indo-China and is 700 miles south of Hanoi.—Reuter

'RED' REVIVAL IN GERMANY

(By A Diplomatic Correspondent)

Information reaching me through official communist channels indicates that communist activity in Germany is increasing day by day.

The Communist Party there is reported to be waging a vigorous campaign of organisation and propaganda.

The activity takes two forms:

SECRET.—"Cells" of Red workers are being formed in the factories, docks, railway centres and arsenals.

OPEN.—Leaflets and pamphlets are appearing, cycle-styled memoranda are being passed from hand to hand, information is being transmitted from mouth to mouth, and slogans are appearing on the walls and hoardings.

LIFE WAS SAVED BY A MANGLE

A bomb fell on a public house in a south-east coast town. There was a blinding flash, a terrific roar.

When the licensee, Mr. Sidney Herbert, fifty-one — Lucky Old Sid to his pals — became conscious again, he was in the cellar. His mouth was filled with clay. A shaft of daylight not bigger than a knitting needle pierced the gloom.

Something lay heavy across his thighs, and he tried in vain to shift it.

Shouts came from above. He spat out the clay and shouted back. Then smoke entered his lungs.

"Trapped!" flashed through his mind as he coughed and spluttered under a pile of debris that would take hours to move. And there was fire near him.

Choking he struggled again to free himself, but fell back exhausted. "What a rotten end," he thought.

Lucky Accident

Up above him someone tugged at a floor joist and a kitchen mangle hurtled cellarwards. The rescue party held their breath.

"That'll finish old Sid," said one. But as the mangle crashed the weight went off the imprisoned man's legs; fresh air fanned his face. He opened his eyes, saw a foot-square patch of daylight, and shouted.

Another crash — this time it was the kitchen stove. It swept a path through the debris and landed near the mangle.

Through a gap in the wreckage a head and two arms came up. In a few seconds "Lucky Old Sid" was standing with the rescue party.

"Good job I bought the missus that mangle after all," he panted.

EIRE GETS READY

A BAN AGAINST THE DISPLAY OF SIGNPOSTS COMES INTO FORCE IN EIRE ON FEBRUARY 1.

This is the effect of an emergency Government Order which makes it an offence to display signs where outside urban areas signs indicating direction or distance to any place.

A sign is deemed "displayed" if it can be seen from a highway, train or low flying aircraft.—Reuter.



WITH MOSCOW'S COMPLIMENTS

There seemed to be some sort of compliment involved in the recent appointment of Commissar V. P. Dekanozoff as Soviet Ambassador to Berlin. He is one of Russia's outstanding figures in the field of foreign relations. He is a personal friend of Stalin, is reported to have been born in Stalin's native Georgia and even to have some blood relationship with the Soviet dictator.

The appointment of so important a person to represent Russian interests in Nazi Germany is construed by authorised Nazi press commentators as signifying a greater regard in Moscow for Berlin and as presaging more active relations between the Soviet Union and the Third Reich. More active relations may well follow. The movements of the Red Army in the Ukraine and of the Black Sea Fleet suggest that as the Nazis push into the Balkans and toward the Near East, German-Russian relations are certain to become more active — even agitated.

One reason why Commissar Dekanozoff is so outstanding a diplomat is because of his unusual equipment in Balkan and Near Eastern affairs. Apparently Berlin hopes for a clarification of Russian policy now that the new Ambassador has been appointed.

The first sign of clarification is Bulgaria's obstinacy when confronted by invitations to join the Axis.

Experienced observers will watch Turkey for other signs of clarification of Russian policy, for Russian influence is very strong in both these countries, and it would be lessened by Axis penetration.

Commissar Dekanozoff can be expected to make a shrewd broker where transactions involving Russian prestige are under way. From this distance it would seem that the compliment implied in his appointment to Berlin was the compliment that one hard bargainer pays another when he sends one of his best traders to complete a deal.

Next to Hitler, Hermann Goering is unquestionably the most popular man in Germany; in many respects he is even more popular than Hitler, for Hitler stays in the clouds while Goering puts his strong legs firmly on the ground. Hitler is an ascetic who does not smoke or drink; he lives on vegetables and has no affairs with the feminine sex—characteristics which always inspire awe in the masses. Goering, on the other hand, loves wines, women and song, he has the same sound animal instincts and vices as the common man; therefore the people love him.

His most important characteristic, and one which wins all hearts, is his sense of humour. Of all the Nazi leaders, he is practically the only one who has a certain valuable trait: he likes to laugh, and when he is made fun of he knows how to take it. He has the irresistible comic quality of the "nice fat boy."

Good Stock

Goering comes from good and ancient German stock, of a family originally from Pomerania. Among his ancestors were school-teachers and artisans; later generations produced mayors, merchants and senators. Still later, under the Prussian kings, his forefathers served as government officials; his great-grandfather, Michael Christian Goering, was made war councillor under Frederick the Great — something very near to being a minister. French blood entered the family when his grandfather married Caroline de Nere. His father was the first German commissar in the newly acquired colony of South-West Africa, in 1890 he went to Haiti as German consul-general.

Hermann Goering, however, was spared fate of birth in a foreign country. His mother returned to Germany in time to give life to him in Rosenheim, not far from Munich. He was born on January 12, 1893, the fourth child in the family.

Ten weeks later his mother, Franziska Goering, returned to Haiti, leaving her baby with a friend. Two years later, however, the whole family returned from Haiti.

The Goerings were well off. They kept open house in Berlin, receiving diplomats and officers. The son's weakness for resplendent uniforms and decorations dates back to his childhood. John, the valet, had to bring sabres and uniform caps to his bedside when a party night was on.

After his retirement from diplomatic service, the father moved to the Chateau Veldenstein in Franconia. From here little Hermann was sent to school in Fuerth, much to his displeasure. He did not like either the school or the Jews, of whom there were many in Fuerth.

Military School

The obvious solution for the somewhat difficult educational problem of the boy Goering was a military school, a Kadettenkorps. There learning was secondary; the main thing was to become a soldier. It suited the inclinations of the boy; he became an excellent cadet and left the military college of Lichterfelde with the highest of distinctions; praise from the Kaiser.

His joyful father presented the boy with 1,000 marks. The use Hermann made of the money is as characteristic of him as it is congenial: he invited the family chauffeur, Sepp Rusch, to take a trip with him to Italy. To his father he wrote: "Money which is not immediately necessary for living is there for pleasure. I am sharing it with Sepp Rusch, hoping you will understand."

His father died in 1913. The next year Hermann rose to the rank of lieutenant in a regiment stationed near Muelhausen.

"When I become an officer — which goes without saying — there must also be a war. I want to distinguish myself like my papa." This boyhood wish was granted, like nearly all his wishes. The war came.

A few weeks after the outbreak of the war he was the first lieutenant of his regiment to receive the Iron Cross. When rheumatism of the joints began to bother him, he filed an application to become an aviator. There was no reply; so he made up his mind and flew in the aeroplane of his friend Lotzner to the general headquarters of the Crown Prince.

Here he was snorled at for undisciplined action; then actually dispatched to the flying corps. Once more he had got away with it.

First Flight

After a period of observation, he passed his pilot's exams in the autumn of 1915, and within four weeks was able to fly to the front in the first machine of his own.

Goering's pluck in aerial warfare is well known. In 1915 he was severely wounded. Only half recovered, he was ordered to join a flying relief corps in Boebingen but simply did not carry out the command. He sent the following telegram to the inspection headquarters of the aviation forces in Berlin: "Not able to locate Boebingen either in the railway

By—

Heinrich Hauser

time table or on the map. Have consequently returned to the front."

His surviving adversaries in air battle speak of him with respect. After shooting down twenty planes he received the highest German war decoration, the Pour le Merite. It was evident that he had been born under a lucky star. In June, 1918, he was sent up to test a new model pursuit plane in Berlin.

His trial flight went smoothly; then his friend, Captain Reinhardt, was sent up for the second test. At 1,000 metres the wings fell off—again death had barely missed Goering.

On July 7, 1918, First Lieutenant Goering was appointed commander of the Richthofen pursuit squadron, shortly after Richthofen's death. He continued in command of the squadron until the revolution. When it disbanded in Aschaffenburg after the Armistice, Goering prophesied that some day there would be a new Richthofen squadron. He has made that prophecy come true.

Married Baroness

There followed the typical adventures of a discharged officer in the post-war period. For a time Goering was a night taxicab driver. Then, in the spring of 1922, he married a Swedish baroness, Karin von Fock. The young couple lived rather poorly in a little hunting lodge near Munich. On October 12, 1922, Goering first heard Hitler speak at a political gathering in Munich. His enthusiasm was kindled, and by the next day the two men had become friends. Hitler commissioned him to organise the Storm Troops, and thus he became the first leader of the S.A.

Marching at Hitler's side in the ill-fated coup of November 9, 1923, the so-called Beer-Hall putsch, he was struck by a machine-gun bullet. Government police arrested him in a hospital, but a few hours later some of his S.A. men rescued him. They carried the wounded man to a motor car and got him away to nearby Austria.

The ensuing stations of his life include Venice, Rome, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Danzig and Sweden. A political fugitive whose arrest had been ordered in Germany, Goering suffered that fate of the exiled which he later prepared for so many others. His wife's jewels and finally every object of value went to the pawnshop. Eventually their last belongings were auctioned off, and the Goerings lived for a long time on small loans from their friends.

Sting in Speeches

In 1926 a general political amnesty was decreed, and he returned to Germany.

Two years later, in May, 1928, Goering was one of the first twelve delegates of the Nazi Party to enter the Reichstag. He was never a good speaker, but his speeches were popular, to the point, and matchless in their sting.

On September 25, 1931, Karin, Goering's first wife, died in Sweden. He had loved her deeply, and in memory of her he built his country place, "Karinhall," where she now lies buried.

By 1932 the Nazis had become the strongest party in Germany

with 230 delegates. Goering became Speaker of the Reichstag.

As speaker, Goering was in the habit of scrutinising through his field glasses delegates of those parties which displeased him.

After the short-lived ministry of General Schleicher, the last under the parliamentary system, came the famous January 30, 1933, on which Goering could report to his Fuehrer: "The position is taken—you will be Reich-Chancellor!"

At five o'clock in the afternoon the new Cabinet convened. Now it was no longer Goering the retired captain who sat at Hitler's side, but Goering the Reich Minister, the Commissioner of the Prussian Ministry of the Interior and the Commissioner of the Air Force. Within an hour he had moved into his office at the Ministry of the Interior on Potsdamer Platz. Three months later he was Minister-President.

Strong Arm

His further career is so well known that it is not necessary to describe it in detail. To-day he still remains the strong arm of the Fuehrer.

But it is difficult to explain how, in a few years, he could have acquired by honest means art collections worth a fortune—on a salary which, according to Nazi principles, could not exceed 60,000 marks annually. The riddle persists even if one assumes that his imposing country seat, Karinhall, his estate in Bavaria, his hunting lodge in East Prussia, and his palatial house in Berlin, have all been financed and furnished by the State.

Goering has always been generous—generous in giving and generous in taking. If ever a minister of the corrupt era had been showered with presents as costly as those Goering received on the occasion of his marriage in 1934 to the actress Emmy Sonnemann, the entire world would have shouted "corruption." If high State officials with modest salaries had ever acquired one-tenth of the palatial residences, country estates, and castles that the heads of the Third Reich now possess, they could not have lasted a week. Though free Press and free public opinion no longer exist in Germany, it is generally known among the people that Goering has accepted numberless presents worth millions.

It is known, for instance, that a rifle factory gave him a wedding present of a very costly rifle, and that the Minister-President had his secretary write a letter to the effect that he already had fifty similar rifles, and would much prefer a farm in Mecklenburg of such and such a size and located at such and such a place. The rifle had a value of perhaps 1,000 marks, the farm possibly 60,000 marks.

It is known, moreover, that when an art dealer made him an offer in pictures, Goering replied that "the Lord Minister-President gets the pictures he wants from the stock of the Prussian museums." And it was true.

It is an amazing fact that though there would be penal servitude for similar offences in any other country, in Germany nobody grows really angry at Goering.

People's Instinct

The people's instinct tells them that wealth and display of luxury belong to this man. The people have always liked a display of power and splendour from their potentates, and the princeliness of Goering's manner of living has scarcely been matched by that of any German prince before him. With him, the paradox proves true: "He does not get fat because he is fat." If Nietzsche were still alive, Herman Goering could have served him as the ideal model for his "blond beast."

Five to six hours' sleep is all he needs. In summer and winter he gets up between six and seven o'clock. The bedrooms in all his houses face east. His valet, Robert, cloaks the heroic figure in one of his many bathrobes and takes him to the cold shower. The shower is said to be followed by calisthenics. Meanwhile the first cup of coffee has been put in his dressing-room, always on the same table, and Goering always drinks it standing up.

Then the field marshal, in dressing gown and slippers—of which two comforts he owns dozens—re-

clines in a deep arm-chair and reads his morning papers. He has a special newspaper service, and gets his news as early as six o'clock in the morning. Occasionally he reads English and Swedish papers.

In the next hour his aide will put before him all the telegrams and reports that have arrived during the night. After that begins the half-hour which he calls one of his most beautiful ones. He reads.

In all his houses he has voluminous libraries, principally works of history or books on art and literature. His pet animal plays at his feet. It is a lion cub, and valet Robert turns on the gramophone—truly a Caesarean idyll. Robert declares with justifiable pride that he knows by instinct which records will be most agreeable to the ear of the master, whether the mood calls for the Merry Widow or for Beethoven's Third Symphony. If the field marshal has a hangover or is otherwise in sombre mood, Robert will play the "Heroic March" from Gotterdammerung, for "that always helps."

The Tailor

Between half-past eight and nine the tradesmen are waiting in the ante-room, ready to be called, the tailor at their head. Considering the changing dimensions of the waistline of his client, his task is not always an easy one. The barber, too, has a difficult time: sometimes he has to wait a whole week before he can get at the general's head; Goering takes care of the shaving himself. Other figures in the line of waiting tradesmen are the rifle agent, the art dealer, and a long line of retailers with their collections of samples.

Breakfast at nine lasts exactly ten minutes. At nine-thirty, his dressing finished, Goering's long succession of conferences, receptions, and sessions begins. Before the visitors reach him they must pass through several ante-rooms occupied by the "Chief of the Bureau of Command," Bodenschatz, by the Chief of the Staff Bureau, Gritzbach, and by Goering's personal secretary, Miss Grundtmann, who has been with him for many years.

The visitors are mostly ministers and secretaries of state, diplomats, high officers, lord-presidents and high party officials, but there are also artists and journalists. Military questions alternate with problems of foreign policy. Now the administration of forests is discussed; in the next quarter-hour, the problems of the secret State police.

In considering this rapid change of subjects Goering shows great concentration and much intuition; he is capable of both. After the callers have gone, the secretaries bring folders of papers awaiting signatures, which are quickly dashed off.

Talks With Hitler

Goering takes lunch with Hitler two or three times a week. The two men often stay together for hours—sometimes their discussions last until darkness. When Goering does not lunch with the Fuehrer he usually has guests in his own house. At three-thirty his aide draws his watch and points to it by way of a gentle hint to the visitors to take their leave. Over coffee after the meal an old friend, Secretary of State Koerner, has an opportunity to unburden himself of his problems.

The afternoon is a succession of various meetings: the Cabinet, the Prussian Council of Ministers, the Council for the Four-Year Plan, conferences on economics, meetings with presidents, and private audiences which Goering had not finished in the forenoon.

Dinner seldom takes place before nine-thirty, usually after ten. Goering almost always has dinner guests, though never more than thirty-five at the most. He invites only those he likes. He takes care of the seating arrangement himself.

His parties are liked for their informality and gaiety. The chef of the foremost restaurant of Berlin takes great pains to satisfy all of Goering's demands.

After dinner he often visits the theatre, usually arriving in time for the last act. If he does not go out, he is entertained by moving pictures at home, preferably comedies.



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NETHERLANDS RESIST THE NAZIS

A RECENT ARTICLE mentioned the formation of a new political party in Holland, the "Netherlands Union." Several prominent politicians have signified their willingness to forget their differences of opinion and to cooperate under the leadership of Holland's well known ex-Prime Minister, Dr. Colijn, in order to work together for the common good.

The draft declaration of the party pledged the members' loyalty to the House of Orange and the fixed determination to strive for freedom and independence, but the Germans forbade this, whereupon Dr. Colijn and some other personalities withdrew from the party.

Others, however, continued their efforts to launch the new party, willy-nilly, obeying the German oppressors, as they were of the opinion that some sort of cooperation with the Germans was necessary in order to keep things moving.

Many Hollanders criticised this attitude, but further news from Holland indicates that the Netherlands Union is not a tool of the Nazis, but that the party is determined to follow its own well-defined programme.

A "Dutch" Nazi paper published an interview which one of its reporters had with the secretary of the Netherlands Union.

One of the first questions asked at this interview concerned the standpoint the Union intended to take towards the Jews. The Union leader replied that religious matters did not interest the party, which only distinguished between loyal patriots and traitors.

Former Minister Welcomed

When the Nazi reporter asked which government was acknowledged by the Union, the reply came that the Netherlands government in London was the only government acknowledged, and to his astonishment he was informed that the ministers who had fled from the country would re-occupy their positions after the war as a matter of course.

"But what if Germany wins the war?" "God forbid," was the reply, "there is not a single Netherlander who hopes that will happen, for the consequences would be too horrible to think of." It is evident that a political party which has the courage to take such a stand, is not lacking in loyalty.

The Germans, however, are flabbergasted and their press has started a bitter campaign against "those incorrigible Dutchmen."

To Hollanders the world over it will be clear that although the new party has been compelled to strike the words "loyalty to the Queen and a desire for freedom and independence" from its manifest, these words are deeply engraved in the hearts of its members, who moreover do not hesitate to demonstrate their feelings.

Jewish Persecution

The persecution of the Jews is getting serious now. All persons of Jewish blood, even if only slightly "contaminated," are ineligible for government positions, especially in the Department of Education.

The Nazi papers have recently clearly defined which educational jobs are barred to Jews and to gentiles married to Jewish wives, it being immaterial whether they or their wives are 100 per cent. Jews or not.

They cannot hold positions as professors, teachers, kindergarten-teachers, school-porters and—who smiles there?—school shoemakers.

Of course terrible things would happen to children wearing shoes repaired by a cobbler whose wife's grandmother may have been a Jewess! All such shoemakers have promptly been discharged.

And Seyss-Inquart, the German governor of Holland, has delicately hinted that he does not want to cram the new ideas down the throats of the Hollanders. No, he does not want to do so—it is a matter of complete indifference to him what the Hollanders think of the new "order" as long as they obey his orders.

"Tuna" Fights U-Boat

A spirited engagement between the British submarine "Tuna" and a U-boat on the surface in enemy waters by night was reported in an Admiralty communique yesterday.

The U-boat made off at high speed after firing her gun immediately on encountering "Tuna" but "Tuna" gave chase and fired her after gun.

The U-boat was certainly hit on the conning-tower by one shell but unfortunately this cannot be considered vital damage.

For nearly an hour "Tuna" chased the enemy and only broke off the engagement and dived when sighting escort vessels which came to the rescue of the damaged U-boat.

"Tuna" previously sunk an enemy armed tug by gunfire and in neither engagement did "Tuna" sustain any damage or casualties.—Reuter.

THAILAND SITUATION SERIOUS

As an indication of the seriousness of the situation between Thailand and Indo-China, it was announced to-day that martial law had been enforced all along the frontier since last night, states a report from Tokyo.

The report adds that Thailand's High Command has announced that Thailand forces, which captured Poipet, advanced more than 30 kilometres within Indo-China territory.

All French nationals living in Thailand were asked to leave the places where they are now and come to live in special districts established in Bangkok or Dhonburi within 72 hours, says another Japanese report.—Reuter.

SIR GEOFFRY ON WAY TO H.K.

Sir Geoffrey Northcote, Governor of Hong Kong, is returning to his post, travelling via the United States.

Prior to his departure, Sir Geoffrey took leave of the Chinese Ambassador, Dr. Quo Tai-chi, and had a friendly talk with him.—Central News.

BRITISH SUBMARINE LOST

The British submarine "Regulus," under Commander F. B. Currie, is now overdue and must be considered lost, states an Admiralty communique in London yesterday quoted by Reuter.

SEE FAMILY IN U.S. FILM

"LITTLE NEVILLE — he smiled at me." These words rang out through the Odeon Cinema, Bristol, as a dark-haired woman half rose from her seat when a news-reel picture of three small children broadcasting from America was flashed on to the screen.

She is Mrs. Frank Whittaker, of Durdham Park, Bristol. With her husband she was "seeing" her three children, Rona, nine, Neville, seven, and Alan, five, for the first time since they and their parents were parted more than two months ago.

Though thousands of miles of land and sea lay between them, Neville smiled from the screen straight at his mother as his squeaky little voice said: "Hullo, Mum, hullo, Dad" into the microphone.

Half in tears, the father and mother, who had talked to their children for a minute and a half on a special radio link-up arranged by the National Broadcasting Corporation of America a few weeks ago, now watched the children, who had been filmed at the microphone in New York during the talk.

Got A New Dress

"Rona's got a new tartan dress," her mother noticed. "I wonder if she has got a bonnet to match it all right?"

Then, as Rona replied to her questions from England, she added: "She's getting quite American. Look at her saying 'O.K.' and 'sure'." "Can you snort like a pig, Alan?"

the father asked his youngest son over the mike. And the screen baby Alan snorted until he nearly burst.

"They look awfully cheerful and bonny," Mrs. Whittaker said afterwards, "but they wrote and told us that after the broadcast little Alan burst into tears."

"They tried to comfort him, but one man said, 'Let him alone, his crying will help the British cause no end. It will hurt Hitler as much as an army.' Mr. Whittaker said: 'We had only a minute and a half to speak with all three.'"

"I am a little worried that I asked young Alan to snort—a trick he has always played on us at home—because I am afraid now they will call him the snorter at his new school." Mr. Whittaker, who is secretary of an insurance company, served in the R.F.C. in the last war. So much do he and his wife miss their children that they are thinking of adopting some evacuees until the end of the war.

R.A.F. HAS CARD BOMB INDEX OF ENEMY DEFENCES DAMAGE IN CITY

THE TELEPHONE rings on the anti-aircraft liaison officer's desk. "Intelligence here. We're bombing Adolphshaven to-night." "Right. I'll let you know in five minutes the latest stuff I have."

The officer walks to a map on the wall and quickly lays off the course between the bomber station and the objective, notes the names of places on the route, and then gets busy with a filing cabinet on his desk.

He is in the uniform of a major of artillery. Usually he is himself an anti-aircraft gunner of long experience, and the wings on his khaki tunic show that he has seen service with the R.A.F. or the R.F.C., writes a London air correspondent.

His job is to have available for the Intelligence Department of the Bomber Group all possible information about the enemy's ground defences.

He is frequently able to suggest ways of avoiding A.A. fire. The officer obtains his information from a variety of sources, but mainly from the reports made by air crews.

They Note Flak

Occasionally, he attends the questioning of the crews, but mostly he studies their reports. Here and there he picks out a sentence:

"Intense flak (A.A. fire) encountered from a gun on the mole at Quickenville."

"Searchlights, 12 to 15 in number, at 51.20 N., 05.30 W." "25-30 balloons between 4,000ft. and 6,000ft. around Hermannsdorf."

All this information is carefully extracted and transferred to the cards in the filing cabinet. Additional information is often supplied from photographs.

Before calling back the station which has asked for information, the flak officer rings Bomber Command to see whether any further information has come in.

He is then able to give out all that is known about guns, searchlights and balloons between the R.A.F. base and the night's target.

The flak officer is continually on the look-out for evidence of new types of enemy guns or projectiles. When a bomber returns with damaged wings or fuselage, he studies the holed fabric or metal to find out what type of gun was used.

Splinters of shells become treasured possessions.

First Shot Best

He is able to pass on to new crews the experience gained by the old hands. He will tell them not to judge the accuracy of an anti-aircraft gun battery by the first salvo, for the first shot is generally the best.

He advises them about "jinking" and "snaking" — terms used to describe the up-and-down and side-to-side movements employed to escape bursts of fire from the German guns, which throw shells up to 25,000ft.

The flak officer has cheering news about the decreasing efficiency of German anti-aircraft fire. As the Germans overran Europe, so the area they had to defend increased enormously, reducing the intensity of fire at home bases.

There is also evidence that the ranks of the gunners are being swelled with hastily-trained, inexperienced men.

SON OF A DEAD HERO

A Narvik hero's wife has given birth to a son seven months after her husband's death.

She is Mrs. Geraldine Cross, wife of Lieutenant C. P. W. Cross, radio officer in H.M.S. Hardy who was killed when the British destroyer led the world-famous attack on German warships in Narvik Fjord last April.

He died at the side of his commander, Captain Warburton-Lee, who himself died of wounds.

"She is delighted that it's a boy," her father, Major Denis Burke, told a reporter.

Mr. Cross already has a little boy, Denis Charles, who is two and a half years old.

"STREET" TAKES IT CALMLY

Publication of President Roosevelt's record-breaking budget aroused no marked reaction on Wall Street and the market took the news of huge prospective expenditures with relative calm.

Observers express some confusion over the budget's double implication of still higher corporation taxes and enormous industrial activity which the defence spending must stimulate. — Reuter.

Westminster Cathedral, Westminster City Hall and the Temple were among buildings damaged in a recent air raid, it was disclosed in London last night.

Several incendiaries and a high explosive bomb fell on the City Hall and set the first floor of the Council Chamber afire. The Chamber was burnt out and the contents fell to the ground floor. A considerable amount of superficial damage was done to the building. The robing room was badly damaged by water.

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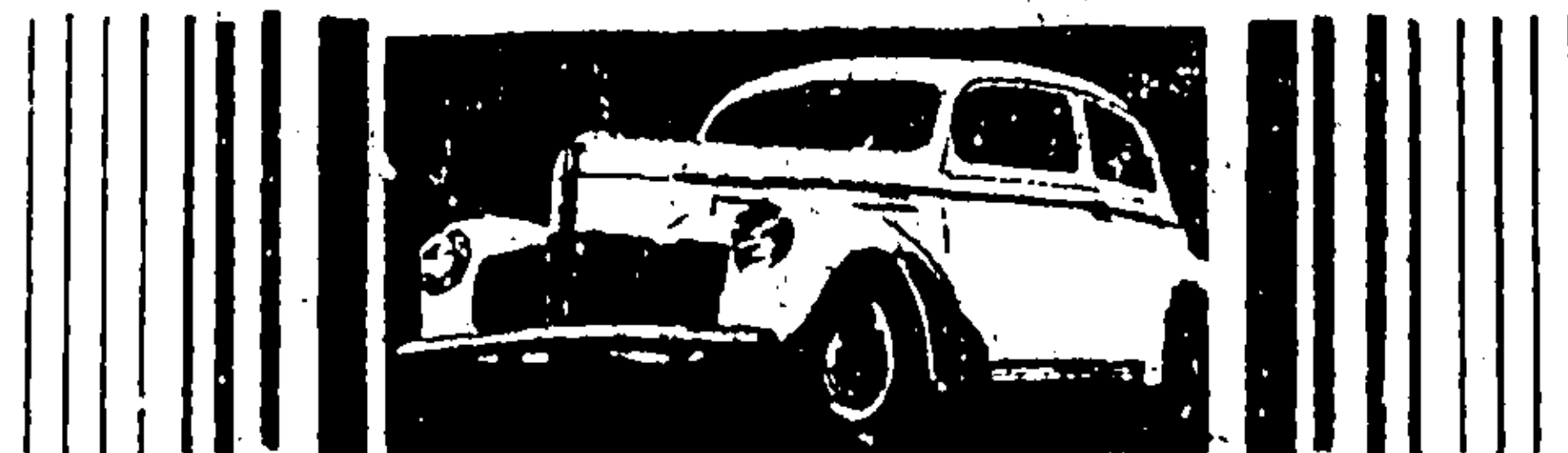
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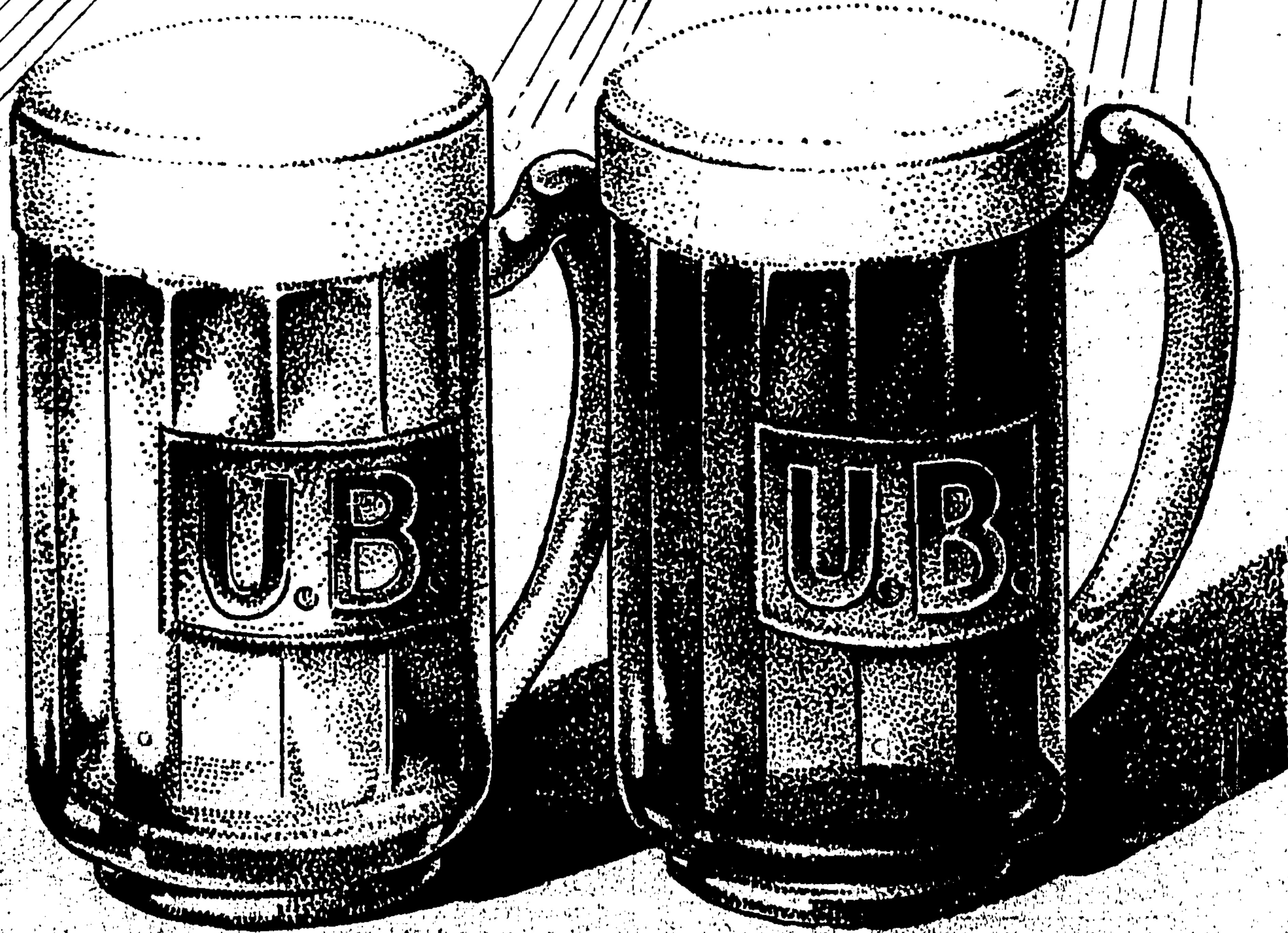
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West opened the diamond King, South winning with the Ace. Declarer returned his low diamond, West taking the diamond Queen and returning a spade. East took the spade Ace and shot back the ten of diamonds. South discarded the low club, and West, of course ruffed. Later on South had to lose a club, thus going down one trick.

Obviously, South is the criminal, but was his crime? Decide for yourself before going on.

Probably South's chief crime was in choosing a bad line of play to begin with. He could have made his contract by banging down the Ace and Queen of clubs at once. West would take the club King, but South could ruff the low club with dummy's trump Ace and draw trumps before cashing the club Jack and forcing out the spade Ace. Another method was to cash the King and Queen of hearts at the second and third tricks; then lead the diamond. If East got in with the spade Ace to return a diamond, South would ruff with the Jack, lead a trump to dummy's Ace and discard the low club on the Jack of diamonds.

But even South's actual line of play, although inferior, was feasible until he let West ruff the third round of diamonds. South should have put up the King of trumps, cashed the Queen, Jack, and Ace of trumps, and taken a discard in safety on dummy's Jack of diamonds.

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A J
♥ J 10 7
♦ K 10 9 7 4
♣ A K J

The bidding:

Maier	Jacoby	You	Burnstone
1♥	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid three diamonds. The hand is, if anything, a trifle "light" for this very strong bid; but the high-card strength and profusion of Jacks and tens warrant energetic action.

Score: 100% for three diamonds; 80% for two diamonds; 40% for two no-trump; 30% for three no-trump.

Question No. 609

To-day you are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with neither side vulnerable and a 60-point part-score for the opponents, you hold:

♠ 6
♥ K J 7 5
♦ K J 8 4
♣ K Q 9 3

The bidding:

Schenck	You	Jacoby	Burnstone
1♠	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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ALLEGED FORGERY OF WILL

Liu Fook-wing, alias Kong Keung 45, broker, was charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K. C., at the Central Magistracy this morning, with uttering a forged will of the late Lau Mau, by presenting it to the Probate Registrar of the Supreme Court on June 18, last year.

Another Chinese Li Wah-sing, alias Li Pang, 37, was charged with forging the will on May 31, last year.

Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for defendants, who were remanded for 48 hours.

Detective Sub-Inspector C. Goodwin is in charge of the case.

A POOR FORGERY

That the paper of forged \$1 Hong Kong Government banknotes were thicker; the colour darker; the numbers badly printed; and the King's photo too coarse was stated by Mr. Pang Oi-lan, who has been working in the Government Treasury for over 11 years, when he gave evidence before Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning in a case in which Leung Wah-chi, 25, house boy employed at No. 21, Granville Road, was charged with possession of two forged notes.

Accused was alleged to have produced the notes when he purchased a quantity of bacon from the Daily Farm in Nathan Road on December 28.

Accused pleaded not guilty and stated that he did not know they were forgeries. He was discharged.

SPOTTERS AT ETON

Spotters are employed at Eton College now, so that lessons may continue after the Alert has sounded. Wardens will give whistle signals when hostile aircraft approach.

COURT MARTIAL CONTINUES

Further evidence was given this morning at the Court Martial at Scandal Point on Lieutenant (acting Captain) H. L. Reeves, R.E., who stands charged on 22 counts relating to deficiencies in fuel and oil accounts.

The Court comprised Brigadier T. McLeod, R.A. (President), Lieut.-Col. D. J. McDougall, Lieut.-Col. S. Shaw, Major T. W. Boyce, and Capt. (Temporary Major) A. R. Colquhoun, Mr. D. H. Blake was Judge Advocate.

2/Lt. K. E. Allanson, R.A., acted as Prosecuting Officer, and 2/Lt. H. S. Badger, Middlesex Regiment, defended accused.

In evidence this morning, Second-Lieutenant N. H. Cuthbertson said he had been in charge of petrol and lubrication accounts of the Royal Engineers for some eight months—between the middle of 1939 and March 1940 when defendant took over the work.

Before handing over the accounts, witness checked the stocks by visiting A.A. stations and other places. All stocks were correct except that there was a slight excess in lubrication and kerosene drums.

Witness believed that when defendant took over, he (defendant) would be able to adjust the excess by finding out where the differences were.

Sapper T. Kunster testified that defendant called a meeting of drivers in the M. T. Office and informed them that the shortage was due to issues made without receipts being obtained. Defendant asked the men to sign vouchers for these issues, and the vouchers were made out by and signed in presence of defendant.

Witness identified the vouchers and some others relating to kerosene. These had been prepared by witness on instructions from defendant but were not signed in the presence of witness.

The case continues this afternoon.

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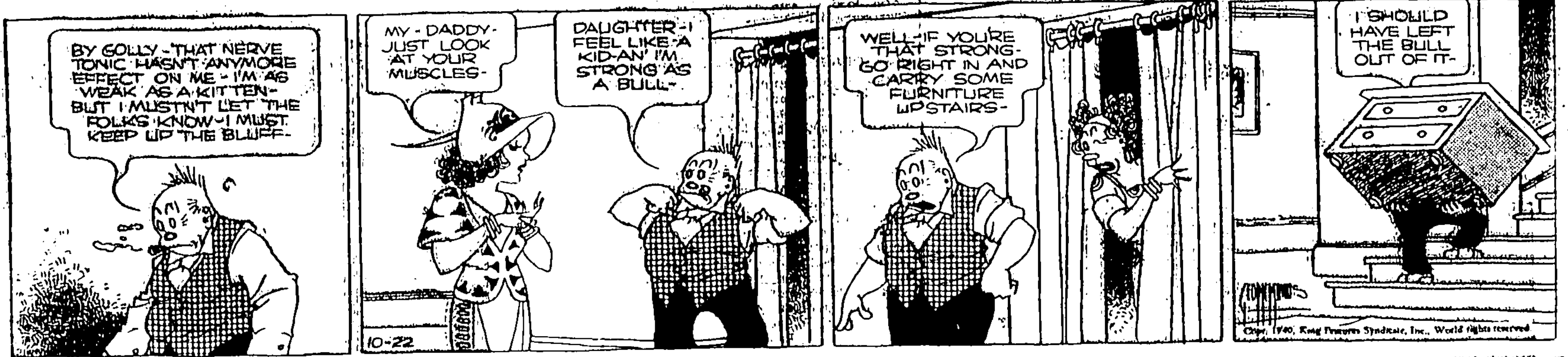
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Teaching A Toddler Should I . . .

Mothers often put this question to me. "As Tommy is now thirteen months old, and as he is a big, hefty baby, should he not be encouraged to walk?"

Well, that's a difficult question to answer, because there are so many possibilities.

I am always trying to preach the gospel of "Don't worry," especially to the younger mothers among my readers.

Think for a moment. How can you compare Mary A., who was a premature baby, difficult to feed,

By Dr. Avon

rather timid and fretty, with Willie B., who comes of a robust stock and who has never given his mother a single day's anxiety?

It just can't be done. To every child there is an index, and this is arrived at after taking into account matters of sex, build, age, temperament, and reaction to ordinary conditions of life.



With regard particularly to the movement of the baby, it is known that on the average the infant begins to crawl at about eight months.

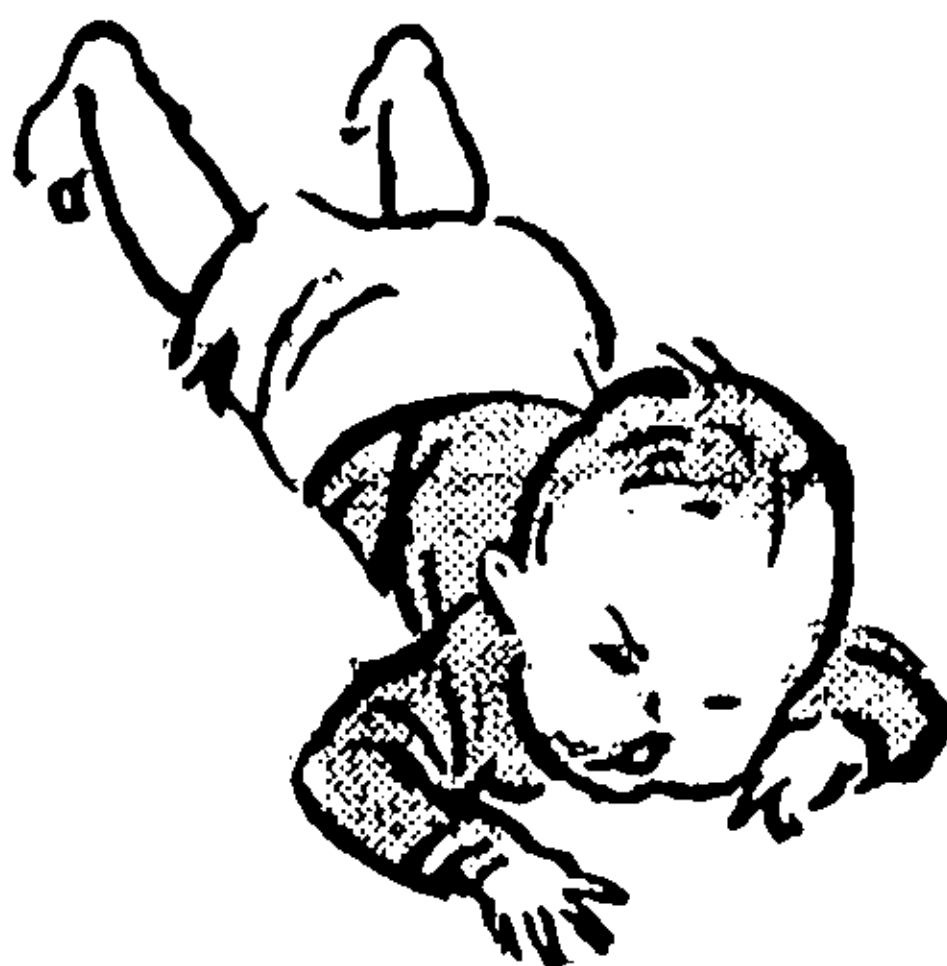
But because a baby crawls until he or she is, say, fourteen months, there is no indication that anything is wrong.

Some babies do not crawl at all, and take to their feet in the early part of their second year, after a few preliminary trials.

Others, again, go on crawling and will not respond to the par-



Thoughtful Tom says since there is so much irony in life he doesn't understand why more people don't get rusty.



ental encouragement to risk walking to a table three yards off to get a reward of much-appreciated chocolate.

There is nothing in such cases to show the slightest evidence of disease or abnormality.

One very vital point to bear in mind is that a baby does not normally try to crawl in any way between the ages of six and eight months, and the crawl of eight months is on all fours and quite different from that of the earlier stages.

I advise mothers to encourage, but not to force in matters of crawling and walking; leave the decision to the child. He is bound to decide when the appropriate moment has arrived at which he can stand upright and move on his two legs.

Q. Should I lend to somebody else a book that has been lent to me?

A. No. The book or other object has been lent to you by the owner because he has formed a good opinion of your sense of responsibility. It is a denial of that sense of responsibility to lend it again to another. If you are anxious to lend the book or other object to a friend the owner's permission should first be sought. Remember it is not yours to dispose of in any way.



Q. When I have been invited out to tea or to some other meal at a private house am I justified in bringing with me someone who wishes to meet my host or hostess?

A. No. The invitation has been extended only to those persons specifically named. It is an infringement of hospitality to bring a stranger with you. Even to bring a mutual friend, your children or some relative unless they have been specially mentioned, is incorrect when visiting on an invitation.

Should there be some person or persons however who wish to meet your host and hostess socially for the first time on this occasion you should either communicate with your hostess in time and ask her permission to bring the additional person or persons or else pay a formal call with the strangers on another occasion.



Q. How long should one stay when paying a social visit in the afternoon?

A. A delicate sense of time is a very important social asset. As someone has said a good rule to go by is to aim at being regretted for going rather than to be regretted for staying. To out-stay one's welcome is to run the risk of being called a bore. There are some people who can never tear themselves away from wherever they find themselves and stay on to the "bitter end." Another rule to remember is that visitors "arriving excite and departing relieve."

Do not be so insensitive as to rush away when the conversation is at its keenest or break up a party that is in full swing unless you have urgent reasons for doing so (and then do so as unobtrusively as possible); on the other hand to not stay anywhere a minute after the fun or the conversation have begun to drag—you will take your leave gracefully before this point has been reached if you will be a social success. Actually, no definite rule can be laid down regarding when one should take one's leave on a social occasion; a kind of sixth sense is required in order to time oneself perfectly. To go too soon can be as ill-mannered as going too late.

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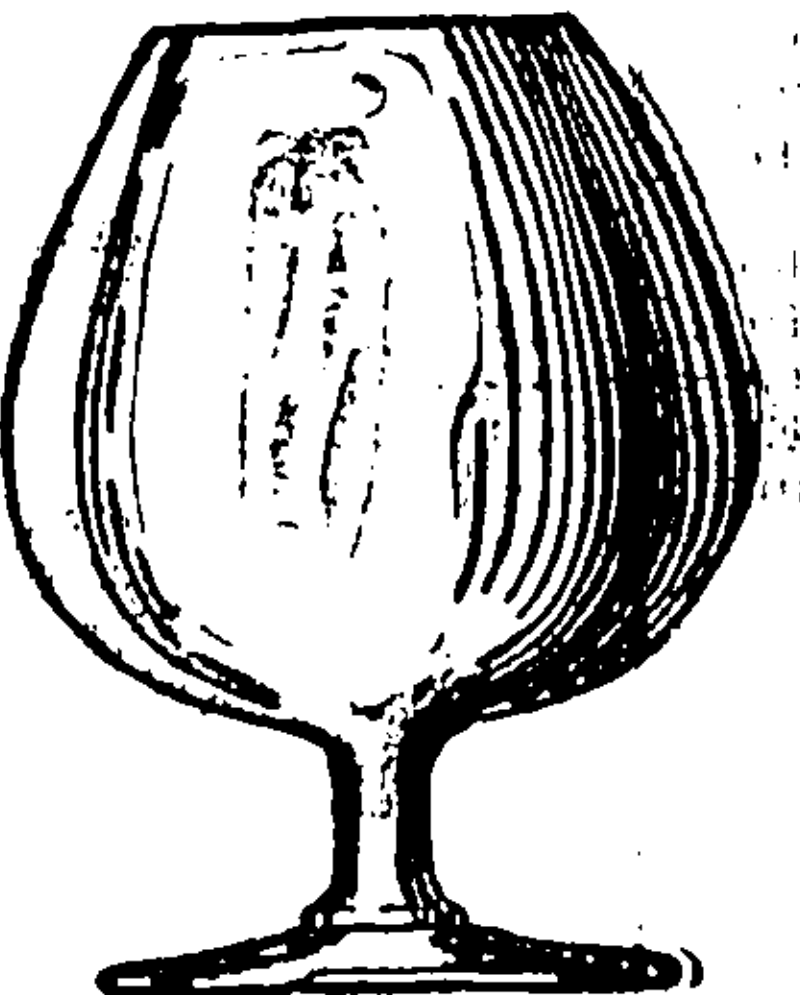
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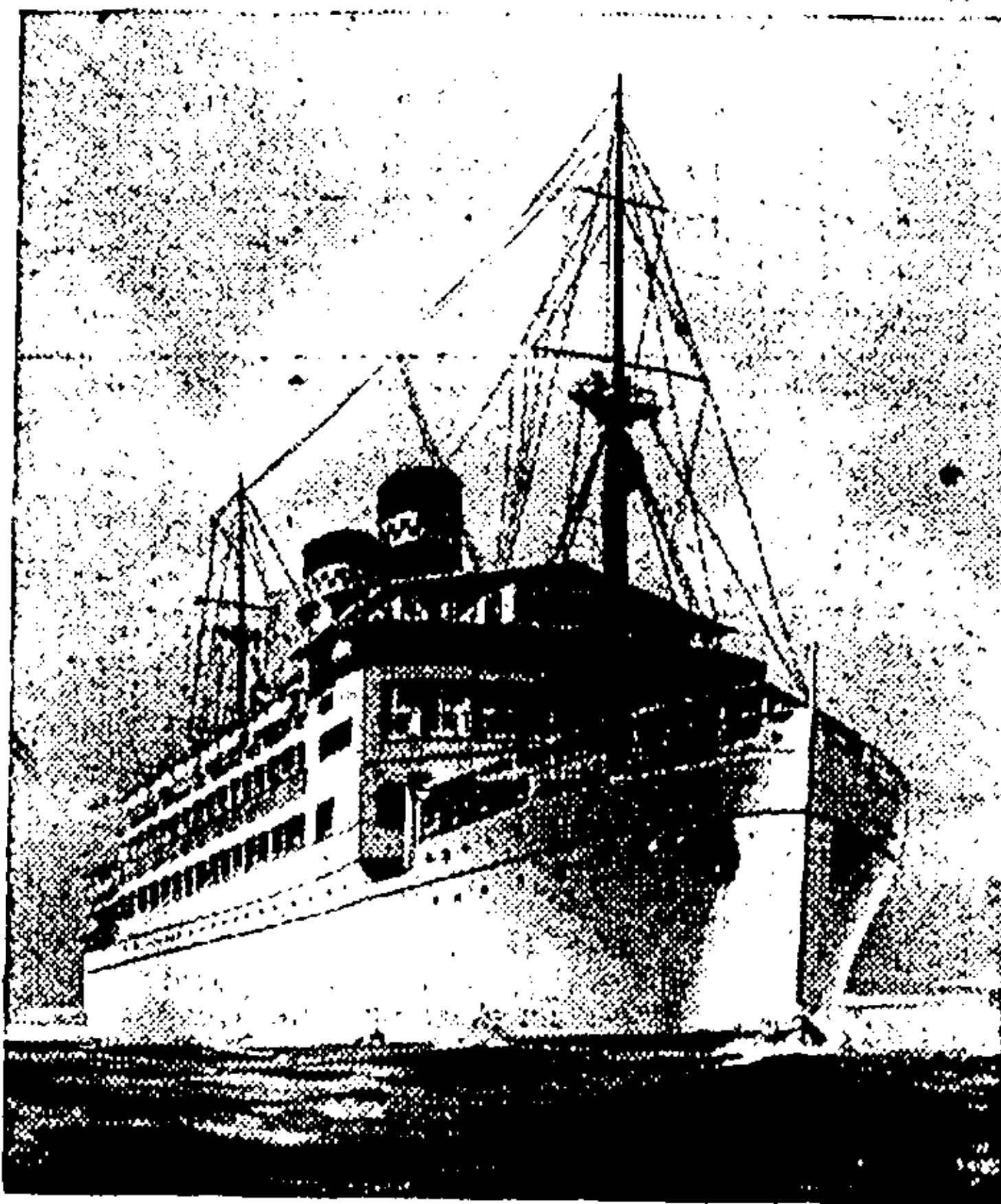
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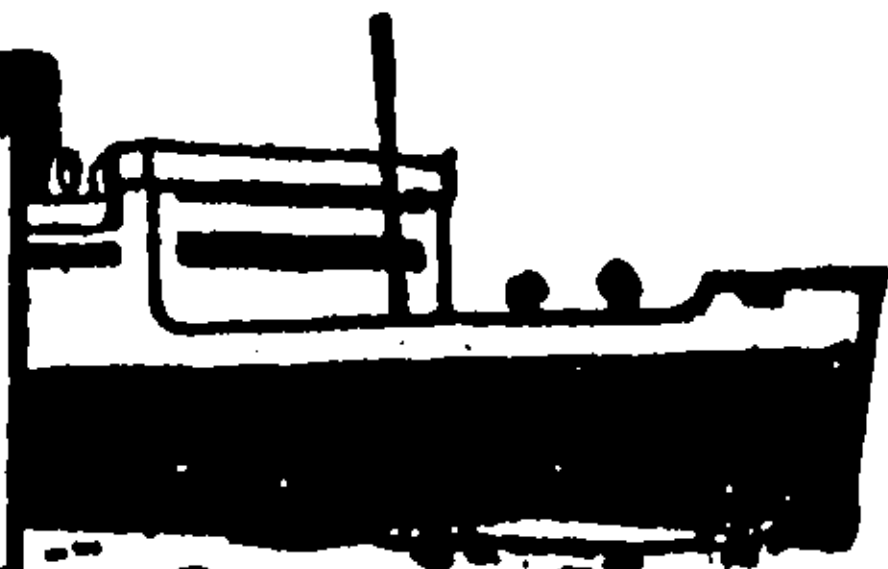
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1.03 p.m.—Alfredo Campoli and His Orchestra and Webster Booth (Tenor).

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press.

Weather, Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Compositions of Lehar.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Glazounow—Scenes De Ballet, Op. 62. New Symphony Orchestra conducted by Eugene Goossens.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 p.m.—Lina Pagliughi (Soprano) and Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

8.02 p.m.—Songs by Charles Kullman (Tenor).

8.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.

8.30 p.m.—Concert—Waltzes and Tangos.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 p.m.—Ravel—Introduction, and Allegro for Harp with Strings and Woodwind Accompaniment. Virtuoso String Quartet with J. Cockerill, R. Murchie and C. Draper.

9.40 p.m.—Eileen Joyce (Piano), and Nathan Milstein (Violin).

10.04 p.m.—Georges Thill (Tenor) and Orchestre Symphonique de Paris.

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By "Adrem"

AS THERE WERE NO CAMPS OR OTHER MILITARY EXERCISES THAT I AM AWARE OF, IT IS RATHER UNUSUAL THAT SO FEW CRICKET MATCHES WERE PLAYED OVER THE WEEK-END.

In addition to the three Junior League games there were only three other fixtures. The University match with I.R.C., was, of course, called off early in the week owing to the fact that the University cricket authorities were desirous of playing off the inter-faculty championship final in time for the presentation of trophies on Sunday.

League matches, in contrast to recent batches of friendly games, were not productive of high scoring and all three had been decided long before time for drawing stumps, which, incidentally is now 6 p.m., still, I think, a little late for this time of the year.

Civil Service almost covered themselves with glory when they dismissed Recreio for a miserable 66 but the splendid bowling of Stone, Smith and Ainslie, that youthful trio of former C. B. S. boys, was wasted as Civil Service in their turn to bat, could only muster 40.

Dreadful Wicket

I am told that the Civil Service wicket was dreadful and that probably had as much as anything to do with the poor scores put together by both sides, but nevertheless Stone's feat of taking 5 for 30, including a hat-trick, is deserving of the highest credit. Soares alone was able to offer anything like a front with the bat and if it had not been for his 31 I shudder to think what the Recreio total would have been.

The Civil Service innings was just one long procession, Silva and Remedios having matters all their own way. Watson, however, made a great effort, to score almost half the Civil Service runs. I was told by a member of the Recreio side that Hollidge was shaping very well and it is practically certain that the runs would have been knocked off easily had he not been caught by Carvalho off Remedios.

P. M. N. da Silva, who, after several seasons in the Recreio senior team during which he has had little to do, is now having the time of his life in junior cricket and, besides taking wickets consistently, rarely fails with the bat.

Value Of E. A. Lee

Features of the match between Police and Craignower were the fine bowling of A. M. Omar and a splendid innings by E. A. Lee. The latter is a really good bat and I don't think he has ever played junior cricket higher. If he stays with the second team—and I notice he is down to play for them against I. R. C. on Saturday—Craignower's chances of winning the Junior League should be very rosy as he should provide just that stiffening to the batting that is all that is required to make this team a particularly well-balanced one.

With Carey and Danbrowsky the only members of the Police team to stand up to some steady bowling by the Omar brother—U.M. I am pleased to see is rallying to the support of his brother, who is leading the side this season—and Esmail, the Champions, were only able to muster 73.

Craignower had little difficulty in knocking these off, Lee staying in until the task was accomplished and Lam retiring after making 23.

Good Start For K.C.C.

Kowloon Cricket Club, who are favoured by many for the championship, certainly got away to a good start on Saturday, beating their old rivals, Indian Recreation Club, by five wickets.

Baldwin, who I would still like to see in senior cricket, and Baxter were chiefly responsible for I.R.C. being dismissed for 22. A. R.

Suffiad and M. R. Abbas being the most successful I. R. C. batsmen, and then Baxter proceeded to bat right through the K.C.C. innings to play a big part in the Kowloon club's success. Goodban also came off with a bright 24 thus returning to form after a long run of failures.

K. C. C. have a varied attack and are fairly good in the field. With Baxter in such fine form and Madar and Rapley potential run-getters, this team will take an awful lot of beating.

ON "FAST" BOWLING!

By "Adrem"

Of the three friendly cricket matches played on Saturday most interesting was the K.C.C. — Recreio fixture at Cox's Road which nearly saw the downfall of the hitherto unbeatable Champions side.

I do not propose to add to the report I had in the "Sunday Herald" but I feel that in order to "maintain a sense of proportion" I should reply to certain lengthy criticisms levelled by a contemporary at my usage of the word "fast" when referring to certain members of the K.C.C. attack. I entirely agree with my critic that there are no fast bowlers in the Colony, so possibly the substitution of the word "faster" would have been more correct, but I fail to see why anybody should go to such lengths and wax so indignant over a trivial matter like this. My cricket reports are written for the benefit of local readers, who, like the critic in question, know there are no "fast" bowlers in the Colony, and, being blessed with a certain amount of intelligence, realise that I am referring to Zimmern and Lee when I use the word in a comparative sense.

Griffiths And Zimmern Bat Well

Weakish teams from Club and Craignower were in action at Chater Road, the former team winning by three wickets. Bowlers on both sides did pretty well, Perry, McLellan, Hulise and Ismail all returning fairly good analyses but only Ernie Zimmern, for Craignower, and Griffiths, for Club, came off with the bat.

Griffiths, who has had a return of all his old keenness, is probably batting better at the moment than he has done, since his arrival in the Colony, but Ernie Zimmern, prior to this match, had hardly scored a run. As he also topped the 60 mark on Sunday, for the Past against the present students of the University, he appears to have run into his true form which makes him one of the most difficult men in the Colony to dislodge.

The Inter-Faculty championship final played at Pokfulam, resulted in a win for the Medicals over Arts and Science by the large margin of nine wickets.

Batting first, Arts and Science were unable to cope with the deadly bowling of Gegg and Mahmood and were all out for 73, Mazuza being the only member of the team to offer any resistance with a useful 24. Gegg was unplayable later on and took three wickets in his last over for no



A good action study of F. R. Zimmern, Kowloon Cricket Club's opening bowler.

SATURDAY'S BOWLS

The following have been provisionally selected to play in the intra-Northumberland and Durham Association bowls match to be held on Saturday, at Kowloon Dock Recreation Club:—

W. Greig, S. Hodge, Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith and J. Wood.
J. Fraser, N. Hardie, Dean Wilson and J. Radford.
T. W. Carr, M. E. Purvis, E. L. Starling and E. Cermenic.
J. MacGowan, T. E. Pearce, D. Kossick and J. S. R. Humble.
C. Gowland, J. Hempsey, A. D. Spoor and T. Waller.
T. Coleman, I. Houston, W. G. Coates and G. Anderson.
W. Hudson, W. McMaster, A. Tate and J. McPherson.
G. Henderson, W. Morrison, G. Bertram and W. Revie.

Arrangements have been made to include all Members who attend and desire to play.

The match will commence at 2.30 p.m. and a supper and concert will follow, commencing at 8.00 p.m.

VOLUNTEERS TO PLAY

The Volunteers Sergeants' Mess will be entertaining Kowloon Bowling Green Club in a friendly bowls match on the latter's green on Saturday, commencing at 2.45 p.m.

RINK 1
S.Q.M.S. Tribble A. Morton
Sgt. Skinner S. C. Walker
B. S. M. Walker W. Crooks
C.Q.M.S. Silva A. J. Hall
(Skip) (Skip)

RINK 2
C. S. M. Edwards G. W. Deacon
Sgt. Logan W. H. Organ
C.A.S.M. J. M. C. E. Turpin
Jack D. W. Waterston
Sgt. Rakusen (Skip) (Skip)

RINK 3
C.Q.M.S. Leigh H. J. Blaknell
Sgt. Jack C. E. Langley
Sgt. Steven C. Wallis
Sgt. Sherriff R. Duncan
(Skip) (Skip)

RINK 4
B. S. M. Rose J. S. Dinnon
Sgt. Geall P. Peckham
Sgt. Remedios E. V. Searle
Sgt. Meyer A. M. Holland
(Skip) (Skip)

RINK 5
Sgt. Bagley E. Scard
Sgt. Hatt A. J. Rogers
Sgt. Lockhart A. A. Atkins
Sgt. Stanton A. Hyde, Lay
(Skip) (Skip)

It has been suggested that the losing team pay a dollar as a point to the "S.C.M.P." Bomber Fund and this idea will be carried out if there are no objections.

Medicals lost. On early bat, Benton, who hit hard for 68, and Out, then knocked off, the required runs without further loss. Fenton went on to score 68, while Ool made 30. Gegg followed up his bowling with a bright, innings of 24. Having regard to Medicals' big score Mazuza and Cheung did well to take 3 for 26 and 4 for 24, respectively.

BADMINTON

KING'S SURPRISE CHUNG WAH

By "Adrem"

KING'S COLLEGE caused a big surprise in Junior Division of the Badminton League last night when they beat Chung Wah, hitherto highly fancied for the title, by the odd game in nine and thus established themselves as strong contenders for the championship.

King's actually won the match in the eighth game of the evening, when S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung won their game to make the score in favour of King's 5-3.

Chung Wah got away to a flying start. Choy and Chiu lost their first game, but Lee and W. H. Choy beat Lam and Lo and Chiu and Liang beat Woo and Liu to give them a 2-1 lead. This was increased in the next round when Lam and Lo again lost.

Thereafter, however, there was no stopping the home team, who rattled off the next four games for match.

Lack Of Practice

Although the season has now been in progress for some little time, various members of both sides showed signs of lack of practice. H. T. Woo was playing in his first game this year and it took him the best part of his opening game, which was lost, to settle down, while Choy Wing-chiu, who normally should be one of the best Chung Wah players, was making his first appearance on a badminton court for over 12 months.

Chan and Chung were in excellent form for King's and it was mainly due to their consistency that the College won. Chan provided the speed and subtlety, while Chung played a dashing brand of badminton that had his opponents considerably worried. While Woo was finding his touch, a good deal of responsibility was thrown on Liu, and right well did he acquit himself. He covered court amazingly well and produced all the shots in the book in the course of the evening.

Lam and Lo did not meet with much success but that will not surprise when it is learned that Lo was suffering from a twisted leg and was only playing because there was not another player to call on, Attwell being engaged on Volun eer. exercises.

C. A. Chiu and S. C. Liang were the best visiting pair and did very well to win two games. Most exciting game of the evening saw Lam and Lo carry Choy and Chiu the whole distance before losing. Well down, the King's pair drew up to 1-all and "setted" only to fade out of the picture and lose the next five aces in a row.

At Bonham Road, King's College beat Chung Wah by 5 games to 4.

B. P. Chan and W. C. Chung (King's).
beat W. C. Choy and K. F. Chiu 21-13
beat F. S. Lee and W. H. Choy 21-8
beat C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang 21-11
H. T. Woo and K. L. Liu (King's).
beat Choy and Chiu 21-9
beat Lee and Choy 21-16
lost to Chiu and Liang 5-21
P. Lam and K. H. Lo (King's).
lost to Choy and Chiu 19-24
lost to Lee and Choy 11-21
lost to Chiu and Liang 17-21

Police v K. Tong

Police lost to Kowloon Tong by 3 sets to 6.

W. Gillies and L. Gordon (Police).
beat Peter Lo and J. Tsang 21-8
beat R. E. Lee and K. M. Lee 21-14
beat S. C. Chan and Lee Po 21-14
J. MacDonald and H. Dingadala (Police).
lost to Lo and Tsang 4-21
lost to Lee and Lee 13-21
lost to Chan and Lee 8-21
R. Hogarth and J. Shephard (Police).
lost to Lo and Tsang 4-21
lost to Lee and Lee 10-21
lost to Chan and Lee 6-21

St. John's v St. Andrew's

St. John's defeated St. Andrew's by 7 sets to 2.

LEAGUE TABLE

	Games				
	P.	W.	L.	F.	A. Pts.
King's College	3	3	0	21	6
St. John's	2	2	0	15	3
K.C.C.	2	2	0	13	4
Kowloon Tong	3	2	1	15	4
Chung Wah	2	1	1	11	7
Recreio	2	1	1	10	8
V.R.C.	1	0	1	1	6
St. Andrew's	2	0	2	5	13
Police	3	0	3	6	21

D. Kwok and E. Kennard (St. John's).
lost to E. F. Fincher and H. Kew 15-21
beat M. Davies and M. Merrett 21-15
beat E. H. White and J. Tomlinson 21-4
N. Smith and P. Wilson (St. John's).
beat Fincher and Kew 21-15
beat Davies and Merrett 21-6
beat White and Tomlinson 21-22
R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd (St. John's).
lost to Fincher and Kew 13-21
beat Davies and Merrett 21-11
beat White and Tomlinson 21-5

Recreio v J.R.C.

Recreio beat Jewish R.C. by 8 sets to 1.
C. C. Pereira and A. R. Alves (Recreio).
beat B. Dotkin and J. Odell 21-7
beat M. Talan and A. L. Poliak 21-16
beat A. Odell and S. Ramler 21-11
P. A. Yvanovich and P. P. Botelho (Recreio).
beat Dotkin and Odell 21-15
beat Talan and Poliak 21-15
beat Odell and Ramler 21-9
A. E. Xavier and A. E. Noronha (Recreio).
lost to Dotkin and Odell 7-21
beat Talan and Poliak 21-14
beat Odell and Ramler 21-9

ARMY FULL-BACK OF FUTURE?

By "Scrum-Half"

COMBINED SMALL UNITS, THOUGH NOT AT FULL STRENGTH, GAVE A VERY PROMISING DISPLAY WHEN THEY BEAT CLUB "A" IN THEIR RUGBY MATCH AT THE VALLEY YESTERDAY BY TWO GOALS AND TWO PENALTY GOALS (16 PTS.) TO A GOAL AND A TRY (8 PTS.) AFTER BEING 5-3 AHEAD AT THE INTERVAL.

Features of an open and fast game were Hamblin's faultless exhibition at full-back—Army selectors could not possibly have seen him play—and the goal-kicking of Coombes, who kicked all the soldiers' goals.

Small Units, who are likely to make their presence felt in Army Rugby this season, have several inexperienced players in their ranks, but all fifteen played with rare keenness, and the result was that a useful looking Club pack were outplayed in the loose and almost pushed off their feet in the tight scrums during the latter part of the second half. Their forwards must, however, learn to keep the ball at their feet until such time as it bounces up into their hands. Yesterday two tries were thrown away following attempts by forwards to pick up the ball on the run.

Lithauer is a promising three-quarter, knowing the quickest way to the line and tackling hard.

Two Great Tackles

Coombes did not exert himself unduly, but two dazzling runs were brought to a swift conclusion. (Continued on Page 15)

COMBINED S. CHINA--EASTERN SOCCER TEAM FOR AUSTRALIA?

Chinese Meet Army In Lai Wah Cup

Applications of South China, Eastern and Sing Tao for permission to tour Australia during the close season, occupied the attentions of the Council of the Hong Kong Football Association at their monthly meeting held last night.

Eastern and South China under a joint letter applied for permission saying that it was hoped that a combined team for both clubs would be able to make the tour. Sing Tao are touring on their own.

Permission was given to the applicants.

Sing Tao also applied for permission to visit Manila during March. They had already made arrangements to have their two League games during that period played before they leave so that they would in no way cause any inconvenience to the fixtures.

Permission was granted for the period asked on the understanding that they would be back for the Shield games.

Eastern For Manila

Eastern applied for permission to visit Manila in April. It was pointed out that though it was hoped that the League would be completed by then, Eastern might be interested in the Shield Competitions, the Semi-Final and Finals of which will be played during that period.

Permission was granted to Eastern only on the condition that they have no commitments with the Association as far as games are concerned during that period.

The draw for the Lai Wah Cup Competition resulted as follows:

Chinese v Army
Navy v Civilians

It was decided that the first game be played at Causeway Bay on Monday January 27 and the second game at Kowloon Football Club on Sunday January 28.

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only as the result of two brilliant tackles by Charter, who, however, did little else right. Manfield stood out head and shoulders above any forward on view.

For Club Nelson and Morgan were always dangerous, while Olesen, B. Hynes and Lee were outstanding at forward.

Club opened the scoring when Wilson rather fortunately slid on to the ball when it was over the soldiers' line. Needham failed to convert from the touch line. The winners took the lead when Manfield followed up a punt ahead and knocked the ball out of Charter's hands and then went on to score close in for Coombes to kick a goal. In the second half Coombes narrowly missed landing a penalty goal from 35 yards, and soon after Club went ahead when Wilson broke away on the wing to score between the posts for Burford to convert. Small Units came on level terms when Coombes easily kicked a penalty goal from close in, and the soldiers went ahead when Coombes kicked a great goal from 40 yards following obstruction. Coombes was primarily responsible for the final score as it was following his daring cut through and subsequent tackle by Charter that the ball went loose to Manfield, who cleverly kept the ball from going over the dead line before touching down between the posts for Coombes to convert.

CLUB "A"—Charter, Needham, Godfrey, Nelson and Wilson; Morgan and Clemo; Heasman, Burford, Stark; Benn, Lee; Olesen, B. Hynes and Didsbury.

SMALL UNITS—Hamblin; Macdonald, McPherson, Lithauer and Whybro; Coombes and Scriven; Milne, Chandler, Wigglesworth; Crew, van Milligan; Mohan, Stockham and Manfield.

GAME POSTPONED

The Quadrangular Rugby Tournament match between Army and Police, scheduled for next Saturday, has been postponed.

Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps will meet Navy at Boundary Street at 4 p.m.

In order to accommodate the maximum in the covered stand it was also decided that seats in the covered stands should be open to the public for booking.

On Junior Linesmen

Mr. Guingam stated the there had been complaints from Referees about junior teams not supplying linesmen for the matches. Mr. Lee said that the rules clearly stated that Clubs were to supply efficient linesmen.

It was agreed to write to Clubs on this point and that on a report from a referee the matter would be taken up.

Mr. McKelvie said that he was never against a team obtaining permission to go on tour but he thought that the clubs concerned could inform the Association when starting negotiations and not come at the last moment for permission. This last minute application was liable to upset fixtures.

K.C.C. CRICKET SELECTIONS

The following will represent the K.C.C. in their League cricket matches on Saturday.

First Eleven, versus Craigen-gower, away:—E. C. Fincher, N. D. Lloyd, D. J. N. Anderson, R. E. Lee, D. Hung, A. Zimmermann, F. J. Lay, N. A. E. Mackay, E. F. Fincher, F. R. Zimmermann and R. T. Broadbridge. Umpire:—J. P. Robinson; scorer, R. Leigh.

Second Eleven, versus Hong Kong University, home:—S. A. Gray, R. Baldwin, E. Curtis, W. L. Rapley, T. A. Madar, K. M. Baxter, H. Brokenshire, F. Goodwin, Major W. W. Parsons, R. J. Fenton, and J. R. Luke. 12th man, G. W. Giffen.

Sunday's Match

A Volunteer eleven will meet a K.C.C. team in an all-day friendly match at K.C.C. on Sunday, starting at 11.30. The following teams have been chosen.

Volunteers:—L. T. Ride, K. J. Attwell, K. M. Baxter, D. G. Day, W. S. Gegg, L. G. Gosano, R. H. Griffiths, T. Lock, T. A. Madar, A. E. Perry and E. Zimmermann.

FALSTAFFIAN LINESMAN

Galloping along one of the touch-lines in a recent London football match for the first half-hour was a Falstaffian linesman in a lounge suit.

The crowd for a couple of minutes or so were inclined to jeer, but this soon turned to cheers when they found that not only could he keep up with the play, but was making his decisions with the promptness of a highly-skilled performer.

And the crowd were right, for the portly linesman who until increasing girth caused him to give it up was a senior referee on the League list.

Mr. Williams was deputising for a delayed linesman.

Scorer, C. E. Gahagan.

K.C.C.:—E. C. Fincher, N. D. Lloyd, D. J. N. Anderson, E. F. Fincher, D. Hung, A. Zimmermann, F. R. Zimmermann, N. A. E. Mackay, W. L. Rapley, S. A. Gray, and E. Curtis.

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of course -



PLAYER'S PLEASE



"It's the
Tobacco that
Counts"

RUMANIAN RUMOURS

Legation Scoffs At Reports Of Disturbances

Czechs' War Of Nerves

CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAS MAINTAINED A "UNITED FRONT" AGAINST GERMANY, DR. RENES, THE CZECH LEADER, SAID IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

In the factories, the wheels are going slower and slower and a vast system of passive resistance is organised all over the country.

"We have heard about Germany's war of nerves," he said.

"Czechoslovakia has a war of nerves going on as well."

Among Germans in Czechoslovakia, he continued, there are evident signs of anxiety for the future, lack of confidence in their leaders and dissatisfaction with the whole regime. — Reuter.

CONGRESS SPEEDS AID PLAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") President Roosevelt yesterday asked Congress to ratify the unprecedented \$17,485,000,000 total Defence Budget and announced he would request additional billions.

These sums are estimated at from two to ten billions, and will be used to buttress the embattled Democracies as soon as the President's all out aid to Britain plans are approved.

Reconciled to the magnitude of the record-breaking Budget, cost-

Foreign Office Denial Of Lurid Stories

THE RUMANIAN Legation in London yesterday denied rumours of disturbances in Rumania, while a British oil engineer who has just returned says that Germany will have to send far more troops into the country if she is to get any value out of it.

Communications have been disrupted by the weather, and severe blizzards are the only cause of the disruption, according to the Rumanian Legation.

The British Minister in Bucharest says that there is no confirmation there of reports which have trickled across the frontier of large-scale rioting and sabotage.

The first reports a few days ago spoke of sabotage against the Germans and stated that there was wide-spread ill-feeling against them.

Favourable To Britain

Mr. H. G. Austin, an oil engineer who spent six years working in Rumania, said yesterday that it is possible that the Rumanians are far more favourable to Britain than some people would have us think.

It is quite wrong to say that Rumania is pro-Nazi and helping Germany, he said, and he was not

ing nearly \$48,000,000 a day. Congress last night temporarily turned it aside to speed action on the lease or lend programme which is to be placed in the legislative mill in 48 hours. — International News Service.

surprised to hear reports of disturbances.

Sabotage

"I am sure that acts of sabotage will not only continue, but will increase," he continued.

"Germany will have to send considerably more troops if she is to obtain any benefit from Rumanian resources."

He estimated that Germany is not getting more than one-fifth of the available oil and with the Danube frozen he doubted if she was getting as much as one-tenth.

A somewhat better light is shed on the situation in Rumania in a telegram received by the Foreign Office from the British Minister in Bucharest.

The telegram refers to "a lot of grumbling" among the people concerning the arrival of German troops but does not confirm the more lurid stories published abroad of large-scale rioting and sabotage. — Reuter.

Major Battle In Albania Looming

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Greek and Italian forces yesterday were preparing for an immediate large-scale battle on the northern front which may decide the fate of Elbasan, as fine weather ended the snowstorms which have hampered activities for days.

The opening blasts of the big battle sounded yesterday when British bombers, fresh from a smashing raid on Valona, blasted the Italian positions at Elbasan.

The city is a highway key to Tirana and the immediate goal of the Greek push. — International News Service.

AMERICAS BEHIND BRITAIN

Declaring his confidence in a British victory, the Consul-General of Columbia said at Allahabad yesterday that for the first time in history South, Central and North America were joined together to win the war.

"We mean to give Britain all the things she needs," he said.

India, he declared, must rather hand-in-hand with Britain than have the yoke of Japan or Germany around her neck. — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

The "China Mail" learned this afternoon that the Italian matron who was killed when the Japanese bombed Waichow yesterday, was Mother Maria Biff, head of the St. Joseph's Convent Hospital.

Mother Biff had been in the East for the last 34 years. She was 56 years old and had been in Waichow for the last 12 years.

It is reported that two other Sisters of the Mission are among the wounded.

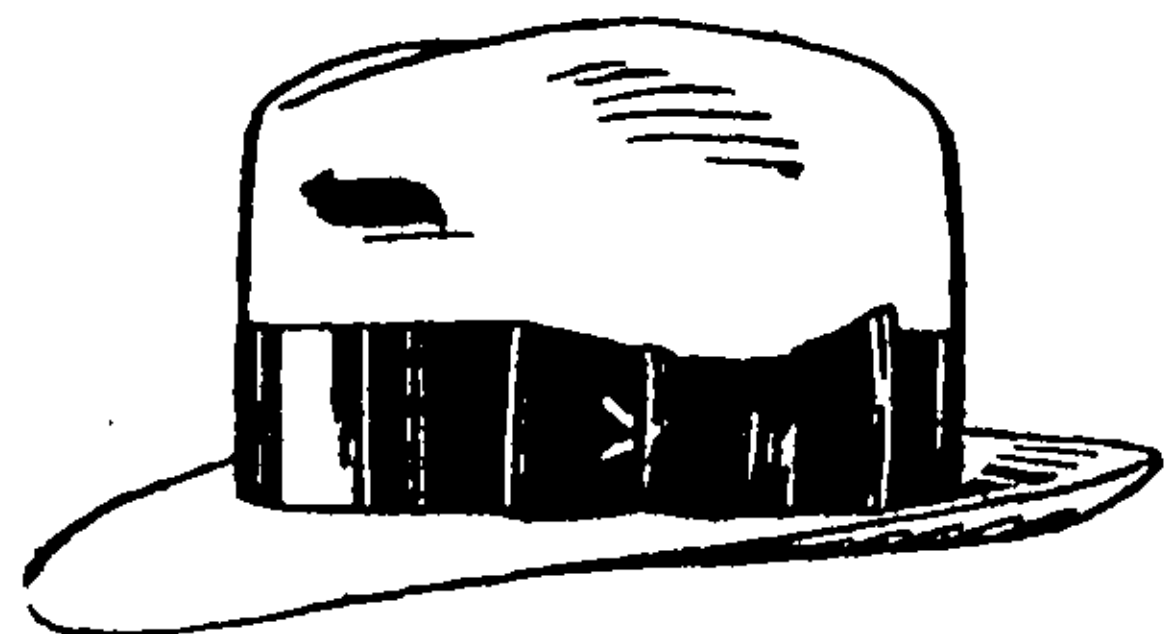


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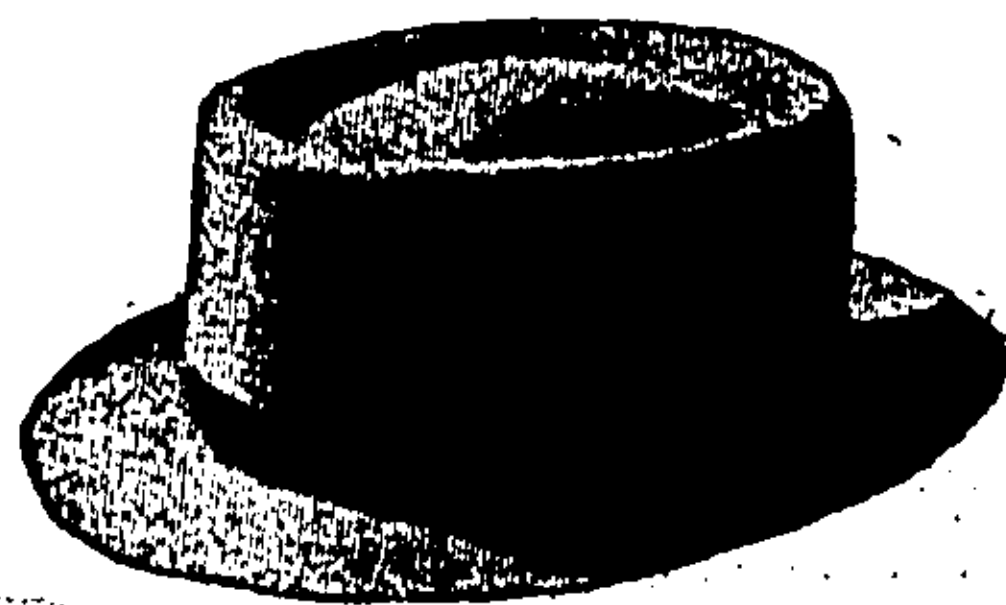


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